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A NEW PILGRIM'S PROGRESS—VIII.

FOUNDATIONS IN AUSTRALIA.

THE missionary journeys of Tubby and Pat are so rapid and so interwoven with one another that it is not possible at a distance of 12,000 miles to follow them in accurate detail. The "documents" of their pilgrimage in the shape of letters from them to H.Q., copies of letters to correspondents whose names only we know, and to each other, letters about them from other people, cablegrams, invitation cards to meetings, newspaper cuttings, &c., are so numerous, and sometimes so perplexing that the story cannot yet be told. What follows, therefore, is but a selection of fragments, strung together as best we know how, from which readers can at least gleam that the story of Toc H beginnings in Australasia is likely to be a great one.

ARRIVAL AT SYDNEY.

On June 16 our two Pilgrims landed at Sydney, N.S.W., from New Zealand. On that day Pat sat down and wrote to the family of Mark IV, Manchester: "We've had a most unpleasant crossing of the Tasman Sea. On a World Tour one learns to take the rough with the smooth—but everything in moderation. We set off from Wellington in a hurricane, hit a succession of cyclones and tidal waves, and for four days had a cheap and exceedingly thorough emetic. Tubby was quite unperturbed; on the other hand I went through the usual stages of fearing desperately that the ship would founder, and then of hoping whole-heartedly that it would! However, here we are, safe and sound in the Island Continent—the goal of our thoughts and prayers for the last three months and of our labours for the next three. We begin to-night with a welcome by the Returned Soldiers, and then tee off to-morrow with a regular field-day, viz.: 11 o'clock, Civic reception; 1 o'clock, Millions Club lunch (broadcast); 7 o'clock, Meeting of the incipient Branch. Australia is going to be all right. The Governor-General is as keen as mustard, and is as good as he is keen. We are stopping with Lord and Lady Forster while we are in Sydney, and, whatever else may happen, they won't let us down."

THE TOWN HALL MEETING.

The Governor-General gave public proof of his real feeling for Toc H at the Town Hall of Sydney ten days after the Pilgrims landed. The Lord Mayor (Alderman Stokes, Roman Catholic by belief and Labour in politics), took the chair, and, besides the Governor-General (Lord Forster), the Governor of New South Wales (Sir Dudley de Chair) and the Archbishop of Sydney were present.

Tubby, who had contrived to miss a moving Sydney tramcar and appeared on the platform on crutches,* began by telling briefly the story of Toc H and made a moving appeal to young Australia to join the family.

"All war memorials, save one," he said, "are futile things; the only memorial which challenges the young is Toc H. They cannot escape its significance. All that is good in them—and how much there is—surrenders to it, and is consecrated by it. If it were not for the dead, you would be a great lonely continent, bowed down beneath a huge indemnity, the British Empire gone, the Pacific a German ocean. I do not think it fair, I do not think it decent, that one generation of youngsters should all die and the next should learn nothing from their example. I think there is more need for Toc H among your men than in the old country. We should be ashamed to think that our young men were so slow to come forward to fill the empty posts as scoutmasters as they are in your city. And no more magnificent thing has ever come to us than the Boy Scout. . . . The alien relation that I find existing between your younger men and the churches of various denominations has been broken down in many parts of Great Britain by the work. Toc H is a pure democracy. Let us be one in this thing, high or low, rich or poor, to bind the Empire closer and closer together. That watchword of Toc H, 'To conquer hate,' must bring together the younger men of our race, both privileged and unprivileged, in a mutual understanding that class war is an anomaly in view of the sacrifices that preceded it. . . . Toc H will cost you £10,000 and a fine house, or £25,000 over all, to start in Sydney, and to begin to spread it through New South Wales. Do not let the burden fall on those for whom the war will never be over."

The Governor-General's speech which followed, was far more than a formal vote of thanks; it was a lead to Australia.

"Toc H still gives its allegiance," he said, "to the spirit of its old motto, *All rank abandon, ye who enter here*. It is neither a plaything of the rich nor a charitable institution for the poor: there is room for all and a call to all. We see it as a cheery, happy team of young men, living together, working together, finding true happiness in helping others. . . . I hope to-day we are laying the foundation-stone of the most wonderful war memorial that we could have, for in its inmost shrine there will burn the clear and steady light of a noble ideal, the ideal of a service to God and mankind in the homage of those Elder Brethren who gave their lives in the greatest war. We can provide the golden key that will unlock the house of happiness; let us see that we do so. We older people will provide the ship and the younger men the crew. Let us face this adventure together."

The State Governor and the Archbishop of Sydney supported the vote of thanks.

"GETTING DOWN TO IT."

It is not possible to provide details of the busy weeks which followed. There is no doubt that the job went forward in the spirit of a scribbled message left in Sydney by Scoutmaster R. H. Stevenson (D.F.C., once of Mark II, "now leaving Sydney"—as Tubby notes "for Toc H, Suva, Fiji"): "To Tubby, Pat and all in Toc H—My message to Toc H is '*Watch, Work and Pray*.' " Headquarters were opened in the city, and Pat writes to Manchester on July 5 as follows:—"I'm sitting in the Office, a portion of a large room occupying the entire 3rd floor of a block of offices in Hamilton Street. At the moment it is a bare and cheerless wilderness but when we get some money together, we mean to partition off one corner for a Rover den, and another recessed corner for a Chapel, leaving the rest of the space for a club room. We already use it for our meetings and the primitive conditions help to break down any sort of shyness. Last Tuesday we had a picnic tea here; about 40 fellows came straight from work, bringing paper, parcels of sandwiches and cake, while we brewed the tea on Primus stoves. We had an uproarious time, sitting on the floor, stepping on the cake, and generally getting to know each other. As this is in the heart of the City, and many, if not all, of the fellows live across the harbour, we find that the best time for meetings is from 5.30–8 o'clock. We are repeating the experiment to-morrow when I show them slides of Toc H at home, and tell them stories of the way in which some of you wild Northerners display the Toc H spirit."

Tubby has gone North to Queensland to start things in Brisbane and to visit his birthplace, while I go off next Monday to Melbourne and Adelaide, returning to Sydney at the beginning

* Pat, writing ten days later, says, "In trying to board a moving tram, he missed his hold and came down on his knee. The doctor said he thought there was 'crepitus,' and that the knee-cap was fractured. Complete consternation and 'wind-up' on my part! Next day I took Tubby off to be X-rayed, but fortunately the photo showed no signs of a break; and now, after daily massage, Tubby has thrown away his crutches and is practically sound again in limb, if not in mind."

of August. We've got quite a useful crowd of fellows together and have initiated a round dozen of them to form the core of two Groups, one on the North Shore of the harbour and one on the South. At present we are meeting all together until such time as each is strong enough to stand alone."

DONORS TO THE RESCUE.

The Pilgrims made their appeal at many drawing-room meetings, public meetings, lunch talks to the Rotary and Millions Club, &c. Men began to come, but no adequate financial response, and some letters home hinted that they were "up against it." On July 29, Pat wrote: "The Toc H Group in Sydney continues to grow. Over 100 youngsters are meeting weekly, lapping up stories of Toc H at home and elsewhere, and beginning to be welded into a real Brotherhood of Service. . . . Unfortunately in Sydney, though the man-power grows in numbers and in depth, there is still no sign of any considerable benefactions. We still look in vain for a House and for the endowment of a whole-time Padre." And then, suddenly as it seemed, their appeal bore splendid fruit. Ten days later, on August 8, Tubby was able to cable to H.Q. as follows:—"First endowment £5,000 chaplaincy South Australia, donor anonymous, memorial to Captain Edwin Wright. £500 for jobmaster Adelaide, ditto for chaplain Sydney. Seven groups now working. Joyful love."

The South Australian Chaplaincy is endowed "in more than memory of Captain Edwin Wright, 3rd Dragoon Guards, son of the late James Wright, High Commissioner for Assam." Before the war Captain Wright was A.D.C. to Governor Bosanquet in South Australia. He was killed on November 17, 1914, in the first fighting round Ypres, and by his death and that of his two brothers his family was wiped out. A member of his regiment, now stationed at Canterbury, has given us an impression of his fine and gallant character. "He did very good work on the night of November 5-6, 1914, the first night our fellows were in action. He brought in a wounded man at great risk to himself, and by his courage and coolness gave his men great confidence at a critical time—for they were inclined to get rattled as it was their first time in action and they were being heavily attacked. Very little was known at the time of work he did that night, but, had he been spared, he would certainly have had a very high decoration bestowed on him. He was in action again in a small affair on November 13. On November 17 the regiment was in the trenches at Zillebeke, when they were attacked by the Prussian Guard. On the left of "C" Squadron, which Wright was commanding, was an empty cottage into which the Germans were seen dribbling by two's and three's, with a view to bringing enfilade fire on our trenches. Wright dispatched a few men under a sergeant to clear the cottage, but the sergeant and some of the men were killed before reaching it. He sent another party under a sergeant who was also killed or died of wounds soon after. He then went himself with a party and cleared the cottage. Soon after returning to the trench he was killed by a shell. So ended the life of one of the bravest and best-liked officers of the 3rd Dragoon Guards. He and his wife were an ideal couple and took a deep interest in everything connected with the welfare of the Regiment, especially the married families. I cannot say more than that, had Wright lived, he would have been an ideal man for Toc H; both he and his wife devoted the whole of their lives to doing what they could for others." And now, as Tubby wrote in the Australian papers, "generation after generation of young Adelaide men will henceforth owe their best friend to him, and learn the way of service through his sacrifice."

BUILDING BRAVELY.

From the "documents" received we get fleeting glimpses of the Pilgrims constantly on the move. Tubby was due to remain in Sydney until July 2 when he would move on to Newcastle; on July 6 he was to leave for Brisbane to stay, as the guest of the Archbishop, until the 15th; then to Maryborough and back to Sydney on July 19—only to leave for Adelaide next day.

He was to spend July 22-31 in Adelaide, then to move to Broken Hill until August 3, back to Adelaide and on to Melbourne, where he would "dig in" from August 6-25. He expected to arrive in Perth on August 28, and left Australian shores on September 7 for Ceylon and Malaya. This programme was apparently somewhat modified—but not lightened. Pat, writing from Melbourne on July 29, says: "Tubby has been spending the last fortnight in Queensland. As I write he is travelling in the all-night express and arrives in Melbourne to-morrow mid-day. He goes on in the evening to Adelaide, and I join him there a day later. I shall hear all about his Northern tour, but from his wires and letters I gather he had had a regular triumphant procession through Newcastle, Brisbane, Maryborough and the rest. At Newcastle in particular he had a great corporate Communion of 200 men, who had breakfast together afterwards and received the story of Toc H with open arms and hearts." The new groups which we have been able to add, under the heading of "*Toc H, Australia*,"* to the quarterly list printed at the end of this month's JOURNAL, show that the family "down under" is indeed established. The spirit of this new beginning can be judged from the reports sent to Tubby by new groups after he had founded them and passed on. Dean Crotty (with whom Tubby had stayed) describes a meeting of the *Newcastle Group*: "Jobmaster Sketch had all dispositions well arranged, and troops met at 6.15 for the comfy meal—corn-beef, bread, jam and tea—a happy little party of fourteen. At 6.25 we rose for 'Light,' and then lit our smokes and talked till 7 p.m., when we went to the Warrior's Chapel for other proceedings. After a short talk and Toc H prayers (including some from Tubby and Pat) the meeting began at 7.30 p.m. . . . We are going slow and not rushing recruits, but I think little by little things will come. Sketch got going to-night on a Newsboys' Club, which we are starting right away on Mondays, staying behind for it after our meeting. We are not going for the 'naice' boys, but only for the young fiends who sell the evening 'Sun.' We will try and win them in, and give the glad tidings in the shape of games such as 'box on' and the inevitable coffee and bun at 9.30 or 10 p.m. That is the first job we'll tackle. In addition some have volunteered for Scouts, and the Group volunteered in a body to the Hospital Auxiliary for any job they may detail to us. A silver candlestick stood us for the Lamp to-night, and I thought of the old warrior who said he'd lit a candle that, by God's grace, wasn't going out—so it wasn't a bad substitute. Let us know what to do about getting a Rushlight: we must *not* have a Lamp yet. It's going to be a very humble little business we shall run here. Newcastle offers but little background for anything extensive yet—so we'll go quietly along till we can offer something on which we can claim a Lamp. It's a pretty hard place for anything not concerned with £ s. d. to live in, but the fire has been started."

And here is the report from Padre J. A. Cue, of Toowong, to Tubby on the start in *Brisbane*, capital of the State in which Tubby himself was born: "We have met twice since you left us. The first time had an element of shyness about it (natural), but the second was much happier. It seems we have to learn to know each other first; even the thought of jobs demands a knowing of each other, specially for team-work. . . . I think we are well within the 'youth' condition; but for my grey head and Edwards, the bulk are most youthful and prepared to 'giddy ox' to their hearts' content. I must report that the *Remembrance* last week was 'good oh.' The newspaper member was chairman, and I asked him to give me a show immediately after our answer 'and glorify our Father in heaven.' Then we made some special intercessions for you and for Pat, who comes to us on Thursday, 20th inst.; and for a brother who is down-and-out, financially and physically, giving a short silence after each petition, so as to allow each to make his own prayer. It was all very real and deep down."

* "*Toc H, Australia*," will stand definitely for a true daughter body of Toc H. It will have its own constitution and administration, for it is clearly as impossible as it would be undesirable to attempt to run this new and eager venture from H.Q. London.—Ed.

A GLIMPSE OF PAT.

Pat's landing was thus heralded in a Sydney newspaper: "CLERICAL PUNCH—FIGHTING PARSON ARRIVES—KNOCKED OUT OFFICERS—There is a real fighting parson in Sydney. Beneath his clerical cloth he conceals a left that is packed with cordite—and a wicked right. . ." (Some passages from his shady past followed). His movements are as illusive as Tubby's to the distant onlooker. He seems to have remained long in Sydney after Tubby's departure for Queensland to do the "mopping up" and to see the two young groups in the city with "feet firm and hands busy." "Just before I left Sydney," he writes, "I was taken to the home of the Australian race, and viewed with mingled feelings all that is left of the convict settlements on Botany Bay (N.B.—A perfectly good Australian typist has just put this down without turning a hair!) Botany Bay is a glorious lagoon, the historic spot where Captain Cook landed 150 years ago. He named it Botany Bay from the profusion of wild flowers which grew, and still grow, right down to the water's edge. While we were there some fishermen landed a sea-leopard; he had been badly wounded in a fight with a sword-fish, and was making his way ashore to lick his wounds, when fishermen caught him in their net and hauled him in, thinking they had a bumper catch of 'flathead.'" At the end of July Pat took up his quarters in Melbourne: "I am writing in the magnificent office given to Toc H on the fourth floor of the Capitol House, in the heart of the city and overlooking the Town Hall. . . . At the moment the streets are gay with bunting, for on Thursday the American fleet arrives. Like a wise man, I shall not be here then, for both Tubby and I are taking refuge in Adelaide until this tyranny be overpast. America is 'dry,' but I gather from the preparations that Australian hospitality is ready to measure itself against the Fleet's capacity." (We get another sight of the United States Navy in a letter from Pat, written this time from and concerning Sydney, on September 1:—"On the Branch side of things, over 50 came last Tuesday, despite the attractions of the Fleet, and on Saturday we did our first corporate job—carried bout 25 crippled children on and over the *West Virginian*, lying in the Harbour.") We know no details as yet of doings in Melbourne, save what can be gathered from two cards of invitation—a red one for "A Toc H social evening in Anzac House: Dancing 8-11 p.m." on August 14, and a white one issued by the "Melbourne Council of Toc H" inviting to an illustrated lecture by Tubby on August 24—Lord Forster in the chair. In the middle of August Pat was in Newcastle and by the 20th in Brisbane, following in Tubby's tracks. We get an echo of Jobmaster Sketch's first venture in Newcastle from a note written by Pat to Tubby—"We had a splendid group meeting last night. About 24 sat down to supper, and later I initiated eleven of them. The actual meeting was rather disturbed by the fact that about 50 newspaper boys were in the next room, and there was a continual coming and going of fellows helping to keep the boys in order." On September 1 Pat attended a Sydney Guest night, and then left (*via* Melbourne) for the island of Tasmania, where he visited Launceston and Hobart. On September 13 he was back in Sydney, and was broadcasting from there two evenings later. From September 17 to 30 he was due to be in Melbourne again. The first ten days of October are to be spent in Adelaide; then four days journey to Perth, a week spent there, and on October 19 he puts to sea in S.S. *Cathay*. Such are the dry bones of the programme, but what a story it will make when the Pilgrims come to clothe it with living words!

BEFORE AND AFTER AUSTRALIA.

RECORDS of progress among the gallant little Groups of the Toc H family which Tubby and Pat founded in Canada and New Zealand will be found among *Branch and Group News* in this issue of the JOURNAL (see Chilliwack and Vancouver on pages 281-282, Auckland and Wellington on pages 288-289). Pincher Creek will report next month. On the day Pat landed in Australia he wrote home: "New Zealand has been a very happy experience, and we've

left two good Groups behind us—with good prospects of at least three others. The one in Wellington is first-class, and is sufficient guarantee of the ultimate spreading of Toc H throughout the Islands. . . . This a most amazing pilgrimage: I wouldn't have missed it for worlds. Nobody could do this tour without realising beyond all dispute the tremendous allegiance and love Toc H evokes. All along the line we've met extraordinary kindness from odd scattered members and friends, and the most encouraging and heart-warming sympathy and help on all sides. It really has been overwhelming."

PROGRESS IN U.S.A.

The spirit in which the tiny seed of Toc H left in the United States is being fostered, can be guessed from two letters from Padre Pryor Grant. The first written on July 8 from the Lake Delaware Boy's Camp, is addressed to Tubby:—"I have been very busy on the task you assigned me, and I have neglected many things, in addition to yourself, in consequence. . . . It has been an interesting task, with times of discouragement at the quality of the job in the face of the need. . . . I hope that what I am doing will pass muster as a beginning, and that others will be raised up to do the matter justice." On August 24 Pryor Grant wrote a long letter to Peter Monie from which we make some extracts. He announces his hopes of forming a Toc H committee in *New York*, and continues, "I don't know where I shall live, but I think at 165 East 61st Street: at least you can address me there. Tubby suggested renting an apartment and starting that way with a few people living together. I think, however, that I won't decide anything without the committee, and that any plan decided upon be the plan of the Group. I feel it is better to think the matter through before getting involved in a scheme, and I shall be satisfied if nothing definite is begun before January 1, provided thoughtful plans are laid in the meanwhile." Matters have already gone a stage further in *Washington*, and Pryor Grant reports:—"The story is as follows: At Easter time I visited a group of boys at St. Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire, which a previous visit of Tubby's had made possible. On my way from there to Boston I rode with Mrs. Katherine U. H. Wylie, whose son was among those most interested. She wanted to know about Toc H, and at the end of our journey she said she had a furnished house in Washington that she would gladly give. The idea of Toc H impressed her very much. She could not give the house outright, however, because of family complications, but she could give it rent free for a period. The house had been unoccupied for nearly a year, but that week she had an opportunity to rent it, which she did. But she said the rent money belonged to Toc H, and she proceeded to find another house. This house, a delightful old place in Georgetown, 2805 P Street, she rented furnished for the summer. It was opened on June 18 with five men living in. Mrs. Wylie has had as her right-hand man, Mr. Coleman Jennings,* a splendid man in his thirties, a graduate of Harvard, head of the Committee on boys' work in the Y.M.C.A., and interested in all sorts of good works. . . . He and Mrs. Wylie got a theological student, Herbert Wolfall, to be in charge for the summer. Wolfall goes back to school next month, and a new organisation will come to life. A man in a near-by parish consented to act as Padre. . . . The Group is prepared in Washington, and I am not worried about the situation. I wish I could have spent the summer there, but I was pledged here (*i.e., in camp*). On October 1 they are moving into a larger and more centrally located house, which has been the Rectory of Trinity Church. Next week I shall go by there and talk matters out for a new start."

FACING TOWARDS HOME.

On September 7 Tubby sailed from Fremantle and left Australia behind. (Pat, as already noted, remains until October 19.) Ten days later he landed in *Ceylon*, but as yet we received

* Mr. Jennings paid a call on Peter Monie at H.Q. in September, and we hope liked us as much as we liked him.—Ed.

no news whatever about his visit. We may, however, quote from a long letter written to Tubby some months ago by "Bobs" Ford (late Oxford Branch, now assisting John Campbell at Trinity College, Kandy—see *JOURNAL*, November, 1924, p. 305). "Of course," he writes, "you'll get a memo. of some sort from Colin Kerr (*late of Mark II*) and self. We've met now several times; both of us are turning over some stories and thinking. Being younger, fresher and less experienced, I believe I am the more optimistic of the two, but C. K.'s advice is certainly far more valuable. I have discovered how your Bombay brother looks at things, and what your Malay brother has done and is doing. I have been to Calcutta, and can assure you of a warm (105° in the shade) reception there. . . . This visit I found inspiring after hearing of all the difficulties Colombo would present. . . . Colombo will provide you with a small club, select audience—collected for the most part privately through the "Comrades' Association," C. K. Forster (Vicar of St. Michael's) and a few other media. We think that will provide the most fertile soil for the seed. You will be welcomed, I imagine, in any pulpit, and certainly in Forster's. . . . I am keen to let the planting community (or at any rate such of it as centres round Kandy) know about Toc H. The young fellows coming out, often straight from school, need a good deal of brothering. Their isolation makes it very hard, but some way of making them feel members of a family might be devised. There are older ones too, I think, who would be happy to be in the family, and who would find little unremembered acts of kindness to do—if nothing bigger. The European population of Kandy is too small (only about 130) to make a separate Branch in the town itself worth while, but I dare say some would like to join. . . . Anyhow, you must not be so busy in Colombo as not to have a day up here (*i.e.*, at Trinity College, Kandy). It's worth a visit. I think amongst our old boys may be found many future members of Toc H. I don't know the language, so can't take part, but I believe our Social Service League really gets things done. We got some model horrors done away with anyhow, and we run a dispensary (by "we" I mean the boys). . . . You and Pat and your great mission are not forgotten in the prayers of one or two in Ceylon."

At the time when this number of the *JOURNAL* appears Tubby will be in Malaya. He will have handed over to the F.M.S. Branch the Lamp of Maintenance, bestowed upon it at the 1924 Birthday, dedicated to the memory of Andrew Irvine ("who gave his life in the attempt on Mount Everest, 8.6.1924"), and entrusted to the Pilgrims to carry round the world. Singapore and Penang are the only names given in his itinerary, but the hub of this scattered branch of faithful members is at Teluk Anson, the home of Tubby's brother, R. J. B. Clayton. He had intended first to visit *Hong-Kong*. Political troubles there have now made this impossible. Witness a letter written on July 3 by the Rev. J. H. Johnston, of Union Church, Kowloon, to Tubby:—"There was to have been a meeting to-morrow to discuss the chances of a Toc H branch in this colony, but the present situation in Hong-Kong disturbs every calculation. Matthew (*late of Mark I*) enlisted in the Volunteer Defence Corps, and is at present in the Military Hospital with fever. Everyone is engaged in some emergency work or other, and the whole position is so abnormal that it is difficult even to arrange to meet together." Tubby therefore replied that "the situation is plainly one in which it would be absurd to bring Toc H alongside this journey. So, with real sorrow, I must go my way straight to Singapore and on to Calcutta. I simply long to see Francis Matthew (*late Warden of Mark I*), Dunkley (*late Warden of Mark II, now in Shanghai*), and Trevor Powell (*official Toc H correspondent in Hong-Kong*)—three of the very best fellows I know, but one would plainly only be in the way, and the time is badly needed elsewhere. I feel rather as if I was swinging the lead and avoiding a turn of duty in the line!"

An invitation from *Siam* also had to be refused. It came from F. H. Geake (late Major of "P" Special Gas Company, R.E., "the survivors of which," Tubby says, "have done more

for Toc H at home and abroad than any other unit of the old B.E.F.") He wrote in November, 1924, giving nine reasons why Tubby should visit Bangkok—"1. You are going to Australia next year; 2. Whether or not you propose to call at Penang, you ought to; 3. Bangkok is only 700 miles from Penang; 4. The train takes a day and a half and is quite comfortable; 5. You can be back in Penang within the week; 6. Siam is the only country in the east which is oriental; 7. Siam is the only country which has an absolute monarchy, and in which Buddhism is the State religion; 8. I will take you on at either golf or tennis at the Sports Club; 9. The King is said to be keen on the Boy Scout movement. . . . You meet thousands of people who have been to Australia, but how many do you meet who have been to Bangkok? Please let me know the date of your arrival. . . . Toc H seems to be growing at a great pace just now. There was even something about it in one of our local papers some months ago. I hope the quality of the membership is being maintained." The meeting was not to be, and on May 12 Geake wrote to Tubby again, expressing his regrets. He added a paragraph which the editor of the JOURNAL prints with blushes and only because Tubby has peremptorily ordered him to do so: "Who is the army of expert journalists who write in the JOURNAL? It is a most readable publication—far too much so in fact. When my copy arrived yesterday, I deprived the Government of ten minutes of my valuable services by getting engrossed in its pages. You will realise what a demoralising effect this has on the youths of the nation, and I appeal to you therefore to suggest to the editor that he should always include a certain amount of really dry matter, so that readers may be content to put the JOURNAL down and get on with their work."

On October 20, Tubby touches at Rangoon on his way to Calcutta. Then comes a rush across *India*; he meets his Bombay brother, and seed may be sown here and there for a harvest some day to be. In Bombay Tubby and Pat are due to shake hands again. Together they are hoping to have a glimpse of *Egypt*—and at least one meeting seems to have been arranged in *Jerusalem*! And so home.

A FEW WORDS FOR THOSE AT HOME.

And so home—where the Pilgrim's thoughts and prayers so often return. In a recent letter to Hurst, our Hon. Treasurer (whose brother came to Government House, Wellington, N.Z. to meet the Pilgrims), Tubby says: "I have the completest confidence in Toc H at home from stem to stern, on the bridge and in the engine room, admiral, captain, and cabin-boy. There are no doubt anxious times in the pay-office occasionally; and I fully concur in the policy that the membership itself should make greater sacrifices towards the cost of building and maintenance. I read your speech (*i.e.*, at the Council, reported in the May JOURNAL) with the utmost interest. For capital expenditure, expansion, &c., we must, I think, continue our area of support. Toc H is now fast beginning to be a truly Imperial asset of deep spiritual significance, a bond such as has never been before between the younger men of our race all over the world. However hard the times, I cannot but believe that by internal sacrifice and public-minded support, this great task will be enabled to go forward. We must ask for this faithfully and fearlessly."

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Last—and first, and all the time—here is the prayer and thanksgiving which Tubby's host, the Archbishop of Melbourne, puts into his church paper —

Let us pray for Toc H.

We thank thee, Lord, for the great privilege of becoming fellow-workers with Thyself. By Thy power, which has saved us and called us to a life of consecration, help us so to lend ourselves to Thy purposes that we may each have a part in bringing, upon earth, Thy Kingdom of righteousness and love. And thine be the glory and the praise, not of our lips alone, but of our transfigured lives. Amen.

THE PADRES PLAY 'GENERAL POST'

Toc H constantly emphasises the fact that it is a *lay* movement (may it ever remain so!) by taking special interest in the doings of its PADRES. Our "ecclesiastical intelligence" is so important this month as to deserve a foremost place in the JOURNAL.

▣ Padre SAWBRIDGE ("Sawbones") is being sent by the Central Executive "on foreign service." He sails on October 9 from Liverpool on S.S. *Montclare* to Quebec, and is eagerly awaited at Mark II (C), TORONTO, where he will spend the winter. This step has been made financially possible, as a job of Toc H service, by John H. Price of Quebec, with whom Tubby and Pat spent Easter. All of us will congratulate Leicester House and Branch on the spirit in which it faces a very real sacrifice, and no one doubts that it will survive the test of Sawbones' absence as finely as Manchester does that of Pat.

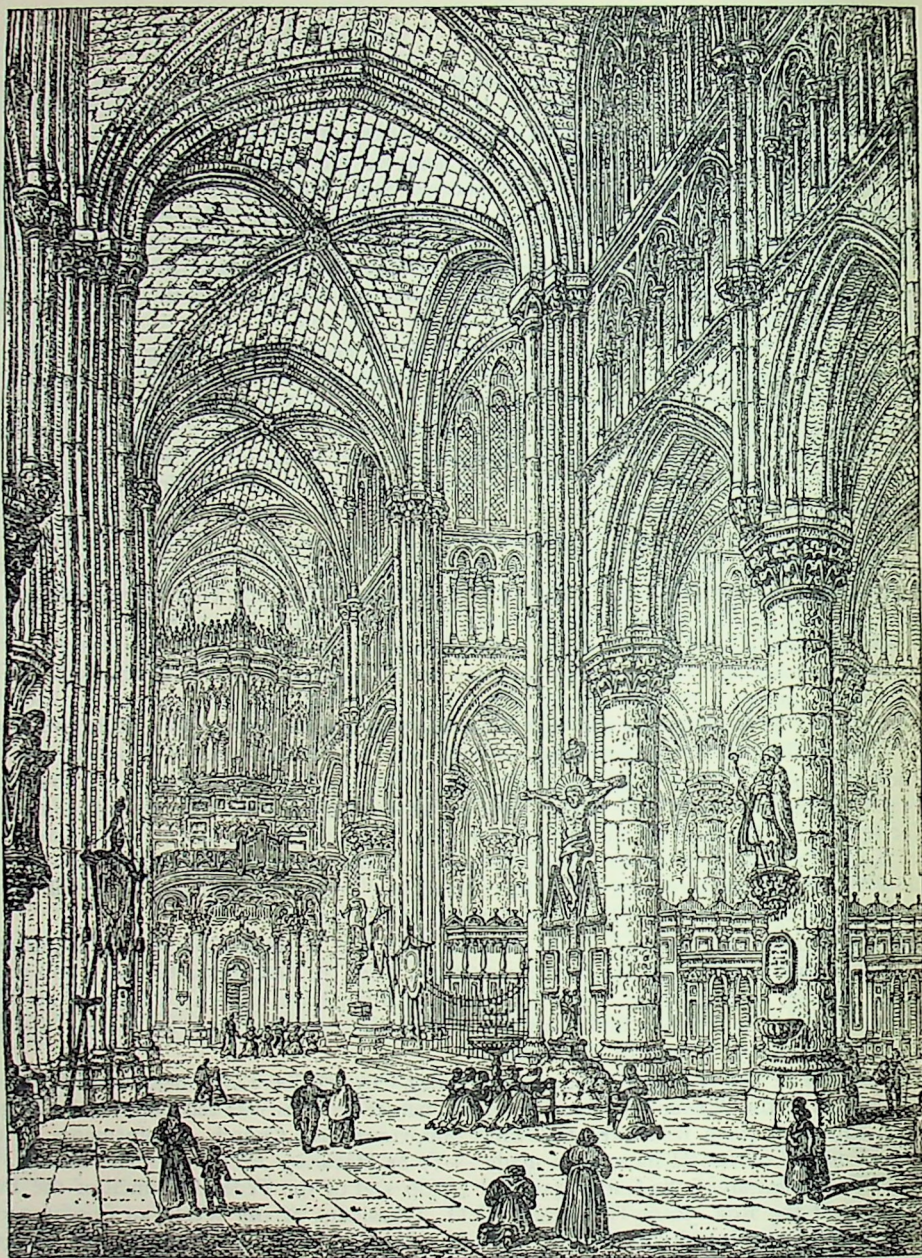
▣ Padre ROYLE ("Oogaf"), having borne the burden and heat of finding a new home for Mark VI and getting it opened, resigns his Toc H chaplaincy to take up very strenuous new work. He is called to be the vicar of a completely new parish in a big town in Lancashire. But, of course, he doesn't drop out of the family—"once a member, always a member." In any case the Central Executive have appointed him to be an Hon. Padre. The new job will offer a great chance, surely, for Toc H to repay some of its debt to him in service. And our love and prayers go with him.

▣ Padre HUTCHINSON ("Hutch") of Woolwich has also resigned his Toc H chaplaincy for the work of a parish—but, as he himself writes, "it is practically a Toc H parish, and offers vast possibilities for Toc H work." Indeed it may be said that Toc H is responsible for the whole story—which is this:—Jack Woodhouse (Vicar of St. John's, Waterloo Road, S. London, and Padre of Mark III, which is housed in St. John's proper vicarage) invites Hutch to take a mission in his church. Hutch comes, sees and works, conquers—and is conquered. When Jack decided to accept a living at Luton, the church council of St. John's pressed for Hutch—and there he is. It is enough to say that Waterloo Station, the Union Jack Club and Toc H Mark III are in the parish! Meanwhile, Luton Group will welcome JACK WOODHOUSE.

▣ Padre WILLIAMS ("Billy") has decided to leave Sheffield and to go (probably about June, 1926) to Durban for a year. He hopes—and we all strongly hope—that he will come back to Toc H work in England at the end of that time. Meanwhile, let it be remembered that Padre HARRY ELLISON goes out to South Africa after Christmas, with dreams and plans for the future of Toc H in a country with which he is familiar. It doesn't look as if Billy will escape (or wish to escape) from a job of Toc H work when he arrives.

▣ Padre BARNACLE BROWN who, more than any one else, is responsible for the foundation of the Maida Vale Branch and has been its chaplain from the first, has accepted a job in the Auckland diocese, New Zealand. The Central Executive have appointed him as an Hon. Padre over there. He will not find himself a stranger in a strange land, for Tubby and Pat have left the Auckland Group in their wake.

▣ The relations of Toc H with the CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH have long been cordial, and an official decision of the WESLEYAN CHURCH to co-operate with us was reported in the August JOURNAL (p. 259). As a result the following important Free Church appointments to the position of officers of Toc H have been made:—*To be Honorary Presidents*: The Rev. J. D. JONES, D.D. (Chairman of the Congregational Union and of the Federal Council of the Free Churches), and the Rev. JOHN H. RITSON, D.D., (President of the Wesleyan Conference); *To be Honorary Vice-Presidents*: The Rev. SIDNEY BERRY, D.D. (Secretary of the Congregational Union, formerly a member of Toc H Central Executive and Hon. Padre of Birmingham Branch), and Sir ROBERT W. PERKS, Bart. (ex-President of the Wesleyan Conference.)

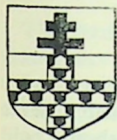


THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN AT YPRES IN 1872.

YPRES, OLD AND NEW—I.

What follows is a reminder of the Old City in which Talbot House played a known part, and a hint that with the new City of to-day Toc H already has a modest but real bond, which is not unlikely to grow closer as time goes on. A further article on the subject will appear next month.

The drawing on the opposite page was published in The Building News of April 12, 1872, and is reproduced here by the courtesy of that paper. It shows how the Cathedral appeared to one coming in from the South and looking across the noble thirteenth-century choir to the North transept. Forty-three years later it was all in ruins, from which a great new church is now rising.



YPRES to most of us in October, 1914, was a word of no meaning at all. The British troops who then marched into the old walled town, across the Square, past the Cloth Hall, and out of the Menin Gate, saw only a prosperous looking place, with solid houses and well-furnished shops; there was not much time for sight seeing in 1914. By Crispin's Day (October 25) it was plain that the name of Ypres had come to live in the memory of our race as surely as that of Agincourt—and with greater reason. Four years of war (and in all those years the place was never a health "resort") left Ypres a wilderness of ruins, with two outstanding piles of stone which had been the Cloth Hall and the Cathedral. That is the picture that comes into men's minds when they talk about the Salient.

Peace returned, and the people of Ypres came back to try and build up again that which had been utterly destroyed. At the end of a year's work the place looked much the same, except that the wreckage was tidy; you could tell the difference between a main street and a front room—and that was not always possible in 1917-1918. It was still the town of our war memories, and only wooden huts served to house those who were working for the future. But as you leave the railway station in 1925 you rub your eyes. There in front of you are large and prosperous hotels and cafés and cinemas. Walk into the *Grande Place* and you can still recognise the Cloth Hall and the Cathedral of 1917: turn your back on them and look across, and you could swear that *that* was the café where you had a hasty meal while billets were being settled in 1914. Of course the Ypres of 1925 is brand new, and the Ypres of 1914 was very old; but the rough picture in your brain of Ypres as you first saw it, seems to be exactly reproduced—as long as you keep your back to the Cloth Hall.

The change outside the town is even greater. It is not only that most of the dead trees are gone and all the shell-holes filled (that was beginning to happen in 1920), or that the great dumps of barbed wire and shells, the rubbish heaps of war, have vanished: the villages that were a heap of bricks in the mud and a name on the map are alive again. Zillebeke of 1914 is renewed in 1925—the same long street, with the church on the left-hand side: the church, which was a good shelter in 1914 so that you could dig graves in security under its shadow, stands rebuilt, upon its old foundations, and the little plot of ground to the north is a very quiet and safe sleeping place for those we left there.

The cemetery of Zillebeke is one of the many cemeteries of the Salient,

bright with flowers, very orderly and beautiful and well cared for—as it should be. There are between 200 and 300 British Ex-service men in and around Ypres who do this work. Last Spring the Church Army asked Toc H to supply them with a padre once a month to celebrate Holy Communion in the club-room of the hostel which they provide for the pilgrims to the Salient and for the use of the British colony in the town. Five of the Toc H padres have already been over on this errand. It is a living link with the past and with the present. And it has possibilities for the future.

H. J. F.

THE FIRST STAFF CONFERENCE

IT is probably odd that the *first* Staff Conference of Toc H has only just been held; never before has the whole full-time staff met. The desire that laymen and padres should hold common counsel was recently expressed on both sides—but the really important fact to notice is that there is no such thing in this case as “sides”: padres and laymen are one body in Toc H, and any fear that, by deliberating separately, they might have come to think differently, was wonderfully allayed at the Conference itself.

The staff met under delightful conditions at Clopton House, on the outskirts of Stratford-on-Avon, and the great kindness of the Rev. F. H. Hodgson and the Hon. Mrs. Hodgson and Miss Hodgson, provided us with the ideal conditions. Their beautiful house and garden was the home of the Cloptons from 1400 to 1800, but the Conference did not maintain the stateliness of the ancient family. One or two members of it were billeted in the house, and the rest divided their camp-beds between a disused gardener's cottage and four bell tents in a field. The Conference ate its meals (at a trestle table) and held its sessions in the magnificent Oak Room, before a huge log-fire, under the grave eyes of the family portraits, which can never have looked down on a worse-dressed set of guests. In the same room an alcove, with big windows of stained glass, formed a temporary chapel for the Conference. Communion was celebrated every morning, and intercessions and morning and evening prayers were held there.

The Conference met from Tuesday evening, September 22, to Friday night, September 25, and those present, for the whole or part of the time, were:—B. Baron (H.Q.), Padre T. C. C. Brochner (N. and E. London), R. R. Calkin (London), M. Callis (Manchester), H. Eastwood (Southampton), Padre H. B. Ellison (London), Padre H. J. Fleming (H.Q.), Padre T. Garraway (Hull), Lt.-Col. R. C. Grant (H.Q.), Padre E. Harrison (Liverpool), Padre H. Hawkins (Bristol), Padre C. W. Hutchinson (S. London), Arthur Lodge (S. Yorks.), Padre L. G. Meade (Southampton), Padre G. MacLeod (Scotland), Padre K. MacFarland (W. London), Padre R. Royle (Birmingham), Padre H. F. Sawbridge (Leicester), Padre G. Williams (Yorks.). P. W. Monie (H.Q.) and L. Abdy (Tyneside) were prevented by duty, and Padre A. Birkmire (H.Q.) by illness, from being present.

I. DUTIES OF PADRES AND LAY STAFF.

Some of the most important conclusions of the Conference will have to go before the Central Executive for consideration, and it would clearly be unfair to discuss them in these pages meanwhile. The Conference devoted three sessions, for instance, to a discussion of the respective spheres of action of padres and lay staff: the first two sessions were held separately, padres in one room and laymen in another, and at the third, a joint session, a series of definite conclusions on the subject were read out by the laymen to the padres. The really remarkable

fact then revealed itself that the padres' discussion had followed the same line quite independently and endorsed all these conclusions, point by point. The draft of a pamphlet, to be called *The Padre in Toc H*, and intended for the guidance of all honorary padres of branches and groups, was also discussed in detail and approved for issue; it has now gone to press.

The form of the Birthday Thanksgiving was discussed. An outline drawn up by Alex. Birkmire, which has Tubby's full approval, was accepted, and Alex. Hutch and Barkis were appointed to work the form of service out. A scheme proposed by John Daly, that he and other Toc H members at Cuddesdon Theological College should produce at intervals an intercession paper for the use of all members who wished for it, was approved.

QUALIFICATIONS OF GROUPS, BRANCHES AND MEMBERS.

The standard of membership in Toc H is obviously a matter of first importance. The Conference agreed that, in starting a new *Group*, it was essential to make sure that the "pivotal man" had a real knowledge of the objects and methods of Toc H. With regard to promotion of Groups to be *Branches* the Guard of the Lamp (who were all present) stated that they took four main points into consideration, *viz.*, (1) The composition of the group (*i.e.*, whether it was a good "mixture," representing the place); (2) Its service, individual and corporate; (3) The spirit of fellowship within the group; (4) The stability of the group (*i.e.*, whether, if deprived of its present leader, it would continue to function). The Guard of the Lamp also stated that they would make an annual review of all branches with a view to *withdrawing Lamps* from those which were not truly maintaining the standard of fellowship and service; those present agreed on a scheme of annual reports to the Guard for this purpose. On the subject of the *admission of members* the Conference was of opinion that probation ought in many cases to be stricter, and stressed the view that the stricter the test of membership, the wider should the door be thrown open to visitors. (This subject will be discussed in the JOURNAL at an early date.) Questions concerning Lamp and Rushlight were also raised.

TOC H AND THE INDUSTRIAL WORKER

A good deal of time was devoted to the old problem of how better to get Toc H "across" to the industrial worker. It was unanimously agreed to seek closer co-operation with the Industrial Christian fellowship by (1) putting full-time padres and all secretaries in touch with the local agents of the I.C.F.; (2) by urging our branches and groups to co-operate in I.C.F. crusades wherever they can; (3) by trying to obtain articles on industrial questions from the I.C.F. point of view for the JOURNAL; (4) by urging branches and groups to invite I.C.F. agents to lead them in study. It is hoped that, in consequence of such steps, working men affected by the I.C.F. might come to find a home and a means of expression in the Toc H family.

"HEARTINESS"—AND OTHER MATTERS.

On one evening Padre Hutch took the floor and gave a great talk on *The Toc H Spirit*. He laid special stress on the natural and spontaneous joy of it, and said that this mustn't be confused with the mere noise and "forced heartiness" sometimes to be found in Toc H. He gave striking instances from his experience of how this false expression "puts off" from membership of Toc H two types of men in particular—the undergraduate and the working man. In the discussion which followed all members of the Conference were found to be in full agreement on this subject. It is a thing which is well worthy the attention of members.

The future of Toc H in Scotland, the work in Schools, and the use of old Cavendish Association members as Hon. Visitors in Toc H were among other subjects discussed. Votes of thanks are taboo in Toc H, but the Conference could not separate without expressing to Peter Monie, in his absence, their personal affection for him and their complete confidence in his wise guidance of the movement. The Staff Conference is certain to be repeated next year. B. B.

THE TOC H LOAN

THE Loan scheme, on behalf of which the Central Executive issued an appeal, signed by the Hon. Treasurer and Hon. General Secretary, in the August JOURNAL—an appeal repeated on the back cover of the present issue—has been responded to so far by only eleven members and friends of Toc H. These have, however, lent the movement a total sum of £1,705, of which £575 is free of interest, £800 is at 3 per cent., £300 at 4 per cent., and £30 at 5 per cent. (In cases where a lender is willing to accept less than 5 per cent. interest, the difference between such agreed rate and 5 per cent. is credited as a donation to Toc H.)

It will be of the greatest help to Toc H in developing its work if more members and friends will take an interest in (as well as out of) the scheme. The Central Executive have expressly stated that sums of not less than £5 will be welcomed—let no one therefore feel that his modest “fiver” would be useless or despised. A member sends us the following unvarnished note on what it feels like to lend Toc H £5 without interest :

“I wandered disconsolately into the office. I am always disconsolate when I have to visit Reggie on matters pertaining to finance. (Reggie is not his name really ; it is an idea that came to me one day. While waiting to be attended to, I was thinking about Registrars when ‘Reggie,’ as the perfect pseudonym, flashed upon me with astounding clarity. I get marvellous ideas like that sometimes.)

‘Hullo, Reggie,’ I called out, ‘how are the jolly old cheques, banker’s drafts, mortgages, loans and deficits behaving themselves?’

‘Oh ! it’s you, is it ? Sit down and don’t talk drivel.’

‘But—’

‘Shut up, I’m busy.’

Accounts must be awfully irritating. Reggie off duty is the soul of good humour, but whenever I call on him at the office he is rude, positively and definitely rude.

‘Reggie,’ I pleaded, ‘do listen to me ; I’m in a terrific hurry.’

His lips moved, and I sighed thankfully ; but my relief was premature. He only emitted a confused jumble of words, ‘Eight six seven, nine—dash ! Eight seven six, nine—hang !—deficit, four five eight seven—plus six two four . . .’

It was no use lingering any longer, I thought. But just as I was going to put on my hat I had another inspiration : ‘Reggie,’ I said, ‘please look at my book.’

As I was speaking, I pulled out of my pocket the little white book which in the bank people write weird and wonderful figures. Reggie glanced at me and scowled, but noticing the book he took it and became absorbed in its contents. (It’s surprising how easy it is to manage these financial geniuses—perhaps that is why they rarely make fortunes for themselves !)

‘Yes,’ I said, ‘topping isn’t it ? But what am I to do with the cash ?’

Reggie discoursed on investments and the duty of persons having surplus cash to devote a proportion of it, at least, to a deserving institution. He particularly mentioned a certain loan—I can’t quite understand what it all means, but as Reggie wrote out the details for me and seemed pleased that I was taking an interest, without interest, in his scheme, I decided to invest my surplus cash—£5 precisely.

I am happy now, and so is Reggie. Each year my name will appear on the balance sheet under the heading of ‘Donors.’ Without paying a single penny towards it I shall have opposite my name the sum of 5s. Reggie tried to explain it to me ; it’s something to do with interest, but I am not going to spoil a delightful morning by trying to work it out.

As I left the office the staff gazed at me with admiring eyes. Henceforth, I am a donor, and the office boy will take due note of my importance.”

MULTUM IN PARVO

♣ ALEC PATERSON (Bermondsey Branch, late Chairman of Toc H Central Executive) leaves England on October 24 for about six months. He proceeds to Burma to help with prison reorganisation, especially in connection with juvenile criminals, and on the way home is to consult with the Government of India about prison administration there. All members wish him success in an honourable and onerous duty!

♣ Members will be glad to know that Canon PARTRIDGE, who has been an invaluable member of the Toc H Executive since very early days (*i.e.*, long before the Charter was granted) is recovering well from a recent operation. Sir IAN HAMILTON BENN, another most useful member of our Central Executive, is at present in Canada.

♣ Toc H heartily congratulates a Bristol member on his promotion—ARTHUR BURROWS, Dean of Bristol, was appointed Bishop of Ripon in September.

♣ Heartiest congratulations to the Tyneside on the accomplishment of Mark XVIII at NEWCASTLE! Local stalwarts are responsible for the whole effort, including the financial burden. A note on it by Les Abdy will be found on page 292. BIRMINGHAM have now moved into the New Mark VI. As a mere public house it passed under the name of *The Alhambra*, but now we hope it will become a true palace of Toc H varieties.

♣ A WEST YORKS FEDERATION, which has grown out of an informal "regional conference," has been officially formed. It includes at present BRADFORD, HALIFAX, HUDDERSFIELD, and SPEN VALLEY Branches, and DEWSBURY, LIGHTCLIFFE, MIRFIELD, and WAKEFIELD Groups. Its main job is to develop and co-ordinate all Toc H work in its area, and it takes over the management of MARK XII at Halifax. Arthur Lodge is Secretary.

♣ The Chairman of the EAST LONDON (South Africa) Group received the following cable dispatched from the Royal train, Salisbury, Rhodesia on July 8: "Delighted to hear of formation of new Group Toc H. EDWARD P., Patron."

♣ Among recent calls from abroad for Toc H to come and make a start have been most keen invitations from LISBON, Portugal, and from THURSDAY ISLAND. "Is Thursday Island where man Friday came from?" asks Tubby. We don't know. It lies off the extreme north point of Queensland, and should provide a job for the new Group at Brisbane—from which it is only 1,200 miles distant as the crow flies!

♣ Most of us have long wanted a handy definition of the job of Toc H—and here it is! The *Tottenham Herald* of September 11 quotes from a North London parish Magazine—"Toc H seeks to propagate Christianity without practising it." So now you know!

♣ SECRETARIES' LIST: The full list, which is printed quarterly in the JOURNAL, will be found at the end of this number. It has increased and altered largely since its last appearance. During July, August, and September fifteen new Groups at home have been sanctioned by H.Q., *viz.*, BEDFORD, BRIDLINGTON, CHELTENHAM "A," COCKERNHOE, FARNBOROUGH, FOLKESTONE, LITTLEHAMPTON, WAKEFIELD, WOOLSTON: in the London Federation BRIXTON and WILLESDEN: and in the Tyneside area CRAGHEAD and CULLERCOATS. The overseas Houses, Branches and Groups are now arranged in a separate section: the latest groups sanctioned by H.Q. are PINCHER CREEK in Canada, EAST LONDON in South Africa, and ROSARIO in the Argentine. As noted elsewhere (see p. 264.) Toc H Australia is preparing for self-government.

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Here are three notices specially for LONDON members—(1) ALL HALLOWMAS: There will be a corporate Communion for Anglican members at All Hallows' Church on All Saints' Day, November 1, at 9 a.m. Breakfast will be provided afterwards at nominal cost. Will those

members who wish to have breakfast please notify the Rev. George Moore, at All Hallows', either direct or through their local Secretary.

(2) ALL HALLOWS CHOIR: The church does not attempt anything in the nature of a "decorated" service, but aims at giving everyone a chance to sing. Will anyone who can compass the melody of a hymn (never mind if he can't sing a "part"), lend All Hallows a voice on any Sunday morning or evening? Toc H ought surely to be able to produce a male voice choir!

(3) ALL HALLOWS' LUNCH CLUB: A Toc H family lunch, at a very modest price, is to be had at the porch Room (opposite Mark Lane Station) every day except Saturday from 12 to 2 p.m. Members working in the City, please note.

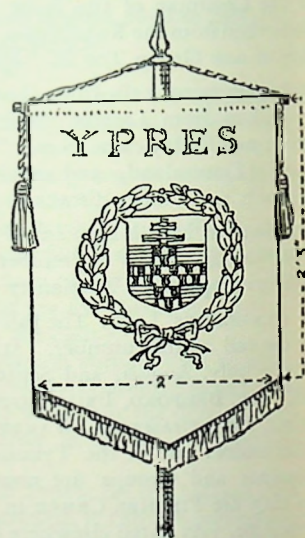
BANNERS AND THE BIRTHDAY

Notice has already been given in these pages that all the banners of branches and groups will be required for the final scene of the Birthday "Masque" at the Albert Hall on December 19 and (weather permitting) for the procession from All Hallows to Southwark Cathedral for the Birthday Thanksgiving on December 20. Most branches and groups possess banners, many of them beautifully embroidered or painted, from last year. Others are asked to provide themselves with them. The banner remains, of course, the property of the branch or group.

It is important that all the banners should be uniform in size, shape and general design, as this will make the whole difference to the effect when, year by year, the growing numbers of banners are brought together for the Birthday. (The sketch on this page gives the general idea.) *A pole will be provided in London.*

The following specifications are therefore given, and makers (among whom will probably be ladies interested in the Branch or Group) are asked to follow them closely:—

1. SIZE of banner, over all—2 ft. 9 ins. long in centre (2 ft. 6 ins. at sides) by 2 ft. wide.
2. MATERIAL for background will be any black stuff, preferably not with a high gloss. It should be lined with orange at the back.
3. THE DESIGN on the banner may be painted or worked in any material. These are (a) the *name* of the Branch or Group. To be in bold simple capital letters $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, coloured yellow or gold. The top of the lettering should be $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the top of the banner. There is room for further lettering at the bottom, if desired.
(b) The *arms* of your town—or other heraldic design if you can't get the arms (e.g., a Kentish Group might prefer a prancing horse or a Yorkshire one a white rose). These designs should be in pure, strong colours (i.e., scarlet and not dull pink, sky-blue and not "navy"). The design may be any size or shape which comfortably fills the centre of the banner.
4. "TRIMMINGS."
(a) A wooden *rod* to form the cross bar on which the banner hangs. This should be about 1 inch in diameter, and need not project more than 1 inch beyond the banner each side. The banner is best attached by stitching a hem through which the rod can be passed.
(b) A *cord*, black and orange, attached to the cross bar, for fastening the banner to its pole or hook. The *free* length of this should be 2 ft. 6 ins.
(c) A *fringe* $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches deep (gold or black and orange) along the bottom edge of the banner. Tassels may also be hung from the ends of the cross-rod, if desired.



Branches or Groups which find difficulty should apply *as soon as possible* to the Birthday Secretary, H. Q., who will be glad to help in any way—except in paying for materials or doing the job of making the banners!



TOC H SCOUTING AND ROVER NOTES

ROVER CONFERENCE.—As no one has sent in any other suggestion as to a suitable time for the Rover Conference at the Birthday Festival, it may be taken that the Conference will be held at All Hallows on Sunday afternoon, December 20, at 4 p.m., *i.e.*, immediately after the thanksgiving Service in Southwark Cathedral. It is not perhaps an ideal time, but the Birthday weekend offers the best chance of holding such a conference and everyone realises the crowded nature of the Festival programme. The agenda of the Conference will probably be prepared and circulated to all Troops beforehand.

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NORTHAMPTON TOC H TROOP ABROAD.—The Scout Troop left Northampton on July 31. On passing through London it placed a wreath, in the form of a *Fleur-de-lys* on the Cenotaph. After a rough voyage (during which 22 out of 24 scouts and officers succumbed) the Troop landed in Guernsey to the tune of "Wherever we may roam," and proceeded by 'bus to its camp-site high above the sea near Petit Port Jerbourg. To get a bathe 208 steps have to be traversed down the side of the cliff to the bay, and this provided endless amusement. Saturday evening gave an idea of what the Channel Islands can do in the way of wind and rain, and most of Sunday, after morning service, was spent in drying clothes. Monday was devoted to exploration of the bays and "water lanes" of the Island, and on Tuesday evening a combined camp-fire sing-song, attended by Danish, Irish, and English scouts, was held, at which Toc H made itself popular. Then luck deserted the Troop: some scouts fell ill and one boy was taken to hospital with traces of metallic poisoning (alarming, but fortunately slight) and this put an end to organised rambles, though small parties managed to enjoy bathing and fishing. The return crossing was smooth, and anxious parents, who had heard of the Troop's bad luck, were reassured when the boys arrived in excellent spirits at Northampton. Many thanks are due to Scoutmaster Roper of Guernsey for his help.

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HULL (MARK X) TOC H ROVER TROOP.—Ten members of the Troop attended the East Riding Week-end Training Course for Part II of the Wood Badge at Haworth Hall, Hull. Eight of these passed out successfully. A Study Circle is now being held for Part I of the Wood Badge. 90 per cent. of the Troop are running or assisting with Boy's Troops and Cub Packs. We have recently lost three of our members, the A.S.M. who is emigrating to Australia, another member who has gone to Canada, and yet another who has entered a teaching order of religious. Our good wishes and prayers go with them all. TINY.

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F.M.S. BRANCH SCOUTS.—A report on scouting in the Teluk Anson district is appended to the printed April and May "Toc H Notes" of the Federated Malay States Branch. The 1st T.A. Troop got a mention in despatches for a display at Ipoh on Empire Day, which was entirely organised and trained by the Troop officers. In the Class Tests three-quarters of the Troop have passed successfully, and the D.S.M. distributed the badges on parade. Fourteen senior Taiping scouts camped, on a visit, on a local camp-site which was tried for the first time; they fraternised very happily with their local younger brothers. The Topah scoutmaster (who is included in the district) has taken the initiative in holding camps in the school compound—and finds that a roof nearby comes in handy sometimes! The Rover Troop training progresses under S.M. MacDiamid, and a project to raise funds is being cogitated. Congratulations to F.M.S. members on their stout work!

LONDON COURSES.—For the benefit of London folk George Moore is running two courses during the winter at All Hallows. One for "beginners" (i.e., those who know next to nothing about scouting) will be held on Monday evenings from 8 p.m.—9.30 p.m., beginning November 11, and one for Scouters and old hands on Sunday evenings from 8.30 p.m.—10 p.m., beginning November 22. The latter course will take Part I of the Wood Badge.

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ROVER SCARVES AND TITLES.—All Toc H Rovers—and especially those who act as Q.M. to their troops—should note that in future the Rover scarf is to be obtained from Charles Thompson, the official outfitter to Toc H, and not from H.Q. The price is 1s. 6d. (The experiment of selling them at 1s. has been tried, but this only just covers the cost of materials and it is felt that no one will cavil at the revised price for a good quality scarf with embroidered design). The shoulder titles are at present out of stock, and enquiry is being made as to whether they cannot be produced more cheaply than hitherto.

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Scouting and roving activities are constantly growing in Toc H, and much that is done is never reported. Notes on interesting developments should be sent to Alex Birkmire at H.Q.

A NOTE ON UNIVERSITY MEMBERSHIP

THE recently retired 'Varsity secretaries, Jock Gillespie of Oxford and Bob Corlett of Cambridge, have asked for space in the JOURNAL in order to explain the new system of 'Varsity membership, since it is likely to affect many other branches and groups.

The peculiar situation of the 'Varsity member is, of course, that he is resident in Oxford or Cambridge for four years at most (save in exceptional cases), and then actually for only half of the year. The object of the new arrangement is that men should be made members of Toc H at the 'Varsity, but that they should do their job and have their vote, if possible in the place where they have more time and better opportunity for Toc H work, i.e., at home. *In future the Oxford and Cambridge Branches, therefore, will elect all undergraduates in the first instance to "general membership" only.* (The distinction between "branch" and "general" membership, as set forth in the recent H.Q. circular is already familiar to secretaries). A very few 'Varsity members, who have special opportunities, will be definitely given the status of "branch members" in the Oxford or Cambridge Branch, and will consequently be bound by the local rules about service and have a vote at branch meetings. (Such members obviously cannot be members of their home branch at the same time, but it is sincerely hoped that they will get into touch with it in vacations.)

The 'Varsity secretaries appeal to all their brother secretaries to co-operate with them in the following simple ways:—

1. By looking up 'Varsity members belonging to their neighbourhood, and receiving them if qualified, into full membership of their local branch. (Every "general" member has the right to ask the executive of a branch to consider him, after due probation, for "branch" membership. The names of undergraduate members will be notified, after their election at the 'Varsity, to the secretaries of the branches near their homes.)
2. By reporting to the Oxford and Cambridge secretaries the election to local branch membership of any such undergraduate member.
3. By notifying the Oxford or Cambridge secretaries of any of their own branch members who may be going up to the 'Varsity.

It is not easy to keep accurate records of the Oxford and Cambridge Branches, with their shifting population, but all secretaries can lend a hand to make this possible.

NEWS FROM BRANCHES AND GROUPS

ALDERSHOT.—Our Summer programme ended on Saturday, September 5, when we took 135 of the poorest kiddies in the town in 5 charabancs to Frensham Pond, the Lake District of Surrey, and regaled them with food and races for prizes. Showers damped the proceedings, but spirits never flagged. On the 30th we had a visit from our old Padre, Bill Drury (now of Spettisbury)—a bumper evening. MILO.

BEDFORD.—We wish to be known to the world as the "Bedford Tinkers"—the allusion is obvious. Our Group is just newly formed, but has already sent out two men to carry the spirit abroad: "Muddles" (Rev. C. E. Mudford) has gone to Sunderland and Robin Wood to the Brothers' House in Kennington. JIMMY.

BELFAST.—Motor-runs continued through the Summer, and weekly meetings began on September 1. Vallance discoursed on "Toc H in Oxford," Williams on "Impressions of the United States," and Mr. Welch on "Irish Archaeology." The Branch is working smoothly, and efficiently. On September 18 there was a Concert at the Sailors' Rest. We regret the passing of Colonel Duffield, whose geniality broke the ice at our first meeting. He presided at our first supper, and till his illness was an active member. Among visitors we welcomed Vallance (Oxford), Westrop (Sedbergh), Padre Duffield (Leeds), and had a glimpse of Sheppard (Kenya Colony). Arrangements for the Newsboys' Club are well in hand, but there has been a delay about possession of premises. PAT.

BRISTOL.—*Meetings*: At Mark IX, Supper 7.30, Meeting 8.15 p.m. October 1, Members' night; October 8, Guest night—the Bishop of Bristol; October 15, Members' night; October 22, Guest night—Gerald Hawkins; October 29, Members' night; November 5, Guest night—Archie Powell; November 12, Annual Branch Meeting.

BROMLEY.—*Meetings*: At Mason's Hill Schools (just below Bromley South Station) at 8 p.m. October 6, Business and music; October 13, Mr. Sutherland Graeme (Deputy Judge Advocate); October 22, Dr. Cogswell; October 29, the Branch entertains the Boys' Club; November 3, L.W.H. night; November 10, W. S. Turner and others on "Toc H, *quo vadis*?" At the Central Hall, London Road at 8 p.m. on October 21, Grand Toc H Concert (Tickets from Hon. Secretary of the Branch. 1s. 3d., 2s. 4d., 3s. 6d., 5s. 9d.)

BUENOS AIRES.—We had a very pleasant meeting on July 7, with a Mr. Clayton as Guest of the Evening. Mr. Clayton formed one of a party under the direction of Mr. Ryan of Rosario, Argentine, that climbed Aconcagua ("Sentinel of Stone") 23,000 feet, the highest mountain in the world outside of the Himalayas, and we were all highly interested in his account of the expedition and the pictures he brought with him. This party did several hours climbing at night, a most treacherous and daring business, but since they had only a limited time for the expedition they had no alternative save giving up. Aconcagua is one of the Andes range that divides Argentine from Chile. An extraordinary General Meeting was called for July 21 to air before the Branch various matters from the report of the Central Council's Annual Meeting as it appeared in the May JOURNAL. The most important item of news for August is the receipt of ten applications for membership from Rosario, an Argentine Port some 150 miles up river from Buenos Aires. This makes the second Argentine Group, the other being *Mendoza*, 17 strong to date. We had with us at our last meeting Urwin, son of a Cheltenham member. Should there be other allies or members of Toc H this way we shall be very glad of the opportunity to greet them. Challis, at our last meeting, gave us a most interesting, amusing, and at the same time instructive, talk on "Reminiscences of Whitechapel and the Confidence Trick." We recommend any other branch, that may have Challis with them at any time,

to have him deliver this talk. Our Local News Sheet has suffered another set-back in the departure for Europe of Hall Johnson, the Editor. Swan and Govan, however, have been appointed in his stead, and the next issue will be out soon. Sprinks, a foundation member of this Branch, left us for Home on July 15, and is desirous of attaching himself to the Bromley Branch. We extremely regret his departure and are sure Bromley will find in him a stout heart.

In the midst of as full a programme as any man has ever been called upon to fulfil, His Royal Highness, The Patron, spent some 45 minutes with us on August 28. The Central Argentine Railway Co. kindly put a decorated salon at our disposal and provided light refreshments, and the troops assembled at 6 p.m. to await the coming of H.R.H. at 7 p.m. It was a great occasion as representatives of the Mendoza and Rosario Groups came down to join us. Amongst them were Saville Barton and Sherrieff Hilton, secretaries of Mendoza and Rosario respectively, and one Paul, Jobmaster at Rosario, who gave us to understand that he tried out Tubby's motor bicycle from Talbot House, Pop, during the early days and smashed it up for him in Bethune—since that day he has never set eyes on Tubby, lucky for him! As one can easily imagine there was great excitement in the camp as The Patron was a little late (having had to visit three Clubs between tea and coming along to us). Macdonald kept us entertained at the piano and such was the noise that many were quite unaware of H.R.H. The Prince's arrival for some minutes. Silence was however called, and each and every one of the 80 or so members present filed before The Patron and all felt at home immediately. Only members of the family were present, the Press having been requested to keep clear. After the presentation, The Patron presided over the Ceremony of Light, after which "*Rogeringum*" was sung with great gusto, and then Sammy, our youngest member, was called upon to present His Royal Highness with a "*recuerdo*" of his visit to the Branch. Sammy had been shivering in his shoes for a week, and although showing unmistakable signs of his sufferings, got through with honours. The Patron in replying said he felt just as Sammy did, and that made Sammy more comfortable than he had been for a long time. The remainder of The Patron's time with us was spent in true family style, partaking of refreshments and communing generally until we cheered him off for his next engagement. His Royal Highness kindly offered to cable a "Cheero and God Speed" to Tubby on our behalf, which we trust reached him safely. We all feel extremely grateful to the Argentine Government for having made His Royal Highness' visit to the Argentine possible, and more grateful still to our Patron for having given us some of his time in spite of the terrific calls upon him. Our spirits are now 100 per cent. up, and we shall endeavour to make our service so, too.

[The hon. secretary also sends a copy of the "Jobmaster's Duty Sheet" for August, showing the members on duty (always in pairs) each week at the Boys' Club Barracas, the Victoria Sailors' Home, the Seamen's Mission, and the Argerich and Pirovano Hospitals.—Ed.]

CANTERBURY.—On July 4, through the kindness of "Archie" (the Archdeacon of Maidstone) and Mrs. Macmillan, a great gathering of members from every Branch and Group in Kent, as well as scattered members, took place at 17, The Precincts. The proceedings opened with a Service in that most inspiring Eastern Chapel of the Cathedral Crypt. Our Padre conducted the Service and Bates of Great Chart read the Lessons. We are particularly grateful to the Rev. Jack Woodhouse for his address, which he based on the words "The Glory of the Second Mile." The Jews of old, he said, under Roman law were bound when called upon to act as baggage bearers to the Roman soldiers passing through the country, each Jew being compelled to carry for one mile, an irksome duty which they never extended beyond that mile. But it is the doing of those things, the speaker continued, which fall outside our bounden duty to do and which help to ease the burdens which other people carry, which bring most pleasure in life—the Glory of the Second Mile. After tea the visitors were conducted on a tour of the Cathedral and surroundings by "Archie" and "Topsy," and when all were
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re-assembled we had the pleasure of hearing of the doings in other Kent Branches and Groups. Stress was laid by more than one speaker on the importance of getting at the youngsters leaving school, through their Old Boys' Associations, and getting them to become acquainted with Toc H. Shoeten Sack of the Kent Rural Community Council explained the object and aims of that Body, which being akin to our own along certain lines, should receive all the support we can give. Unfortunately our visitors from afar had to leave at 8 p.m., but not before the start of the musical programme enlightened them of sundry skeletons in the Canterbury cupboard, and also enabled us of Canterbury to hear the musical talent of Bromley. The rest of the party adjourned indoors and proceeded merrily through the programme. Before this appears in print, we hope to have had the pleasure of welcoming the Stoke Newington Group to our Rooms. Maidstone can shake hands with themselves on the fact that our late jobmaster "Pilly," is now in business in their town. Our loss is certainly their gain. W. H. G.

CARDIFF.—During the past few years it will be remembered some of our best men have gone to other climes: Stan. Pothan to Malta, John David to Canada, Captain Walter Hann to the high seas. And now we are proud to send off another of our own—Horace Eyer, our whilom treasurer, Room Warden, &c., to New Zealand, with a record of valuable service dating from the early days of the Branch. We confidently hope that he will achieve great things in the daughter land. Another who has left us is Eric Carr-Hill, who has returned to Sydenham. The timely discovery of Tom Harris, our new treasurer, is a cheerful item to record. A healthy relationship exists between the local Toc Emmas and ourselves. In addition to doing useful social service most modestly they find time to help us, and are continually doing something to beautify or add to the comfort of our Room. Recently, when we were in financial difficulties (owing to the summer season) and had scarcely the wherewithal to pay the rent, they gladly made a subscription for our benefit, and saved the situation. Amongst the various attempts to justify our connection with Toc H recently, have been giving a Concert to and playing whist with the Cardiff Blind Institute people, installing a wireless set for the benefit of an invalid, Sunday morning visits to the disabled soldiers at Rookwood Hospital, Llandaff, and assisting the Education authorities with "after-care" of school children. The jobmaster has several jobs in hand, and Wally has just finished preparing a full and progressive programme for the coming winter. It is understood that amongst the forthcoming guests are Chancellor Worsley, D.D. (of Llandaff Cathedral) Col. Grant, Clem Lewis (the Rugby international), Padre Hawkins and perhaps Barkis. "Contacts" have already been made with Newport, Barry, and Penarth, and the formation of Groups in these places is merely a matter of time. An organiser for Wales is surely now a necessity! A. T. M.

CANADA: (a) *Chilliwack, B.C.*—This Group takes pleasure in making its bow to the JOURNAL. Formed on May 11 last, following Tubby's momentous visit to this fair valley, our half-dozen members feel by this time pretty well settled into harness. No sooner had we got under way, than the impending visit of the Governor General of Canada, Lord Byng, to the Pacific Coast, prompted us to ask him to include Chilliwack in his route. We were lucky. He came, and we saw, and were conquered—by his genial personality and democratic attitude with one and all. And our Group, favoured by a special interview with him after the public proceedings, had an opportunity of meeting His Excellency in a more personal way, and were rewarded by an understanding talk from him on Boy Scout work and Toc H generally, words of wisdom and encouragement. Our thoughts and energies are now being chiefly directed to the organization of a Scout Troop here. We have formed a special committee for this purpose, on which Toc H will have a majority of members; and we are hourly expecting to land a man to take on the job of Scoutmaster. But we do not intend our work for the youngsters stop at the formation of a Troop of Scouts. It is evident already that our Group must make up its mind

to go ahead with boys' work generally and kindred activities in the Chilliwack Valley; so that the influence of Toc H may be felt around and about, and be known to be good.

CUFFLEY.

(b)*Vancouver, B.C.*—(Extract from a letter to Tubby from MAJOR H. LOGAN, dated July 1): "We are advancing somewhat here and really have an executive as well as a group membership. We have proceeded along the general lines suggested by you. We have met at the Duchess Tea Rooms (where you made your momentous pronouncement) each fortnight since June 5, the night on which were initiated—with the aid of Hull, Worthing and Cardiff—seven seniors whom you named; we chose Gretton (Padre, North Vancouver) by co-option. These eight seniors received applications for membership and selected twelve names: ten of these were initiated at a meeting held on June 9 at the University Club and presided over by Col. Knight Cowley. Chilliwack was present in force. They came by motor-car and returned all the way that night from Vancouver. . . . We have two good jobmasters who are already hard at work on plans for getting our Group busy on new jobs. We shall move slowly in Vancouver, but, please God, we shall move. I begin to think Toc H is permanent here. It has lots of work to do. God knows, it is just a question of how best it may work. . . . Our Group is rich in materials, if only we may be given the right direction for moulding them and using them."

COALVILLE.—Since our last appearance in these pages we have had some stirring times at Coalville. Miss Macfie has honoured us with a visit which resulted in the formation of a very energetic group of Toc Emmas, who have already proved their worth in a number of ways. The Toc H Rovers are making remarkable headway, and are becoming well-known to the police—and others who need occasional help. In addition to the special events arranged by the Rovers, meetings have been held fortnightly all through the summer, and have been well attended. We are now eagerly awaiting the arrival of our Rushlight, which will add greatly to the solemnity of the ceremony of "Light." *Meetings*: Alternate Tuesdays at 7.30 in the Y.M.C.A. October 20, First Anniversary Celebrations, "Oogaf" is hoping to be with us.

PAPA.

COVENTRY.—We have an extremely busy summer to report upon. Though we have made membership something to strive for, our numbers continue to grow apace, and we are searching desperately for new quarters. Apart from the steady accomplishment of individual jobs, the Branch again organised the Annual Flag-day in aid of the Police Court Mission and the N.S.P.C.C., having the satisfaction of raising £103. Several hundred Cadets and Boy Scouts competed in the Annual Sports arranged by the Branch for their benefit, and for which no less than eight cups were offered. The members of the Boys' Club had the time of their lives at camp during holiday week, and the members who accompanied them were amply repaid for their labours. A joint camp was held with the Rugby Group, and some of their boys a fortnight later, and we thoroughly enjoyed the company of "Jumbo" and company. In addition to our own Club, members are the moving spirits in the C.L.B. Club and other boys' clubs in the city—in fact one or two of us are fathers to large families! Now we are seriously taking up the question of after-care work. On the social side we have held, and are holding, several dances, cacophony by our own orchestra, which is also giving its services in the case of deserving causes. We are very sad that "Dirke," the father and mother of the Branch, has been compelled to go and live at Birmingham: we miss him much. "Happy" succeeds him as Chairman, and "Pip" is now our Jobmaster. *Meetings*: At 24, Bishop Street, at 7.45 p.m. October 2, Business meeting; October 9, "Maccy" on "The Creation story"; October 16, Business; October 23, Mr. A. F. Porter on "From flying to football"; October 30, Musical evening; November 6, E. W. Hanneman on "Rover Scouting." At the Corn Exchange, 8 p.m.—12 midnight, on October 21, Toc H dance.

DOLLY.

DONCASTER.—After ten months of silence we feel that we might inform the family about ourselves. Our jobs have been varied. The biggest was the distribution and collection of the roses and boxes for Alexandra Day over the surrounding district. The area covered meant runs of up to twenty miles in cars borrowed. We have also assisted at a Charity Fête for a Boys' Club, not to speak of sundry odd jobs members have taken on through the Group. We have recently been asked to take on the investigation of cases for the Emergency Help grants of the British Red Cross and have agreed to do so. We are helping at a bazaar in aid of Waifs and Strays in October, and hope to get up a Carnival in aid of the new Infirmary Building Fund for the Christmas season. We had a splendid implosion of Mac, Bonzo and others from Rotherham, also a good visitation of Padre Williams, Blazer and others from Mark VIII. A message to all Branches and Groups within reach—on October 25 we are going to emphasize our existence in Doncaster by having a Toc H Sunday. There will be special Toc H preachers at some of the churches and chapels and a meeting in the Guild Hall in the afternoon. Roll up if you can. On the 27th, at 8 p.m., Padre Williams, of Mark VIII, is coming over with his Lamp, formally to admit our full members. It is hoped that new and prospective members will, as a result of the Sunday, be at that meeting. *Meetings*: On alternate Tuesdays (from September 29) at 8 p.m., above Doncaster Autocars, Hallgate.

FARNEBOROUGH.—The first squeal from a new baby! The Group at its inception suffered irreparable loss by the death of its founder and padre, Rev. B. Keymer. We hope to perpetuate his name when we become a Branch. As if to compensate to some extent for our loss "Wally" Watford, of Manchester, joined us; his talks to us and his efforts to make us sing have helped us to realise the spirit of the big family. We are working quietly but steadily, and trying to build bravely. As yet we have no settled home, but meet on the second and fourth Mondays of the month; the Secretary will inform all enquirers where to find us. DICK.

GRANTHAM.—The Branch continues to make progress. In July the members paid a visit to our Padre's church at Great Gonerly for service. In August a very enjoyable camp under canvas was run by the Jobmaster at Saltburn-by-the-Sea for the boys of the Tic-Toc Club. Week-end camps were also held for the boys at Willoughby Hall, by kind permission of Mr. H. Hitchcock, one of our Vice-Presidents. On September 1 the Branch had a delightful visit from Padre Williams, who gave us a fine talk. On September 3 the grounds of Willoughby Hall were offered to us for a Garden Fête for the benefit of the Tic-Toc Boys' Club. Magrath came and talked to the company on Toc H; there were side-shows, &c., and the fête was a great success. The speaker of the evening on September 15 was Sir Christopher Turner on "Emigration," and on September 19 we went over to Sleaford to discuss the question of dealing with the boys of the county; the three Lincolnshire Branches (Lincoln, Sleaford and Grantham) are anxious to help in stopping the leakage of members amongst boys' organisations. G. R. P.

HALIFAX.—A corporate job of work is here before us, to wit, a Boys' Club. The premises are ready for occupation. It is a great opportunity, never before has Toc H had better preliminary assistance than has been most generously given by the Local Education Authorities and the J.O.C. It would be to our shame if we fail to make this work a success, having been helped thus over initial worries. Garden parties in Halifax are fickle maidens, but an early drizzle on September 5 did not prevent some "dust" finding its way to a cause which we believe to be good. The "Gleddings" is an ideal spot and strangely contrasted with places where some of the proceeds will find a useful purpose. Hats off to neighbouring Groups and Branches who dug their heels well in and helped to pull the balance on to the credit side.

SHEP. II.

LANCING COLLEGE GROUP.—We should like this report of the Summer Term's activities to be the first of a series of termly reports from this Group. On June 10 we held our first large meeting as an independent body, and we invited over the members of the Brighton and Worthing Branches and the Shoreham and Lancing Group; altogether there were over 120 members of Toc H gathered together to hear Grantibus speak on "Toc H and our Imperial Responsibilities." After the conclusion of "*Rogatum*" our visitors were shown round the buildings and entertained to refreshments. Other service that we have been able to do, includes looking after parties of boys from our Mission in Camberwell on visits here, and also the production of an entertainment in aid of the same cause. In the cricket match, Lancing College 2nd XI *v.* Toc H Lancing Group, the College made 175 and Toc H 186 for four wickets. Half our team was drawn from the waiting staff of the College who are members of Toc H. This term we have obtained ten new members, which brings our total strength up to 44.

R. H. J.

LEICESTER.—Many important and interesting events have happened in and around "Mark IX" since the August report. Our Camp, held during August week, and consisting of one hundred Rovers, Scouts and members of our Boys' Clubs, was enjoyed by everybody who attended. The site at Gumley, near Kibworth, which was kindly lent by Mrs. Murray-Smith to whom we are greatly indebted, could scarcely have been bettered. Near to Leicester, at Sea-grave, a Camp of the Children's Country Holiday Fund was run by Goodwillie (Mark II) and Bob Evans (Nottingham), to which two members of Mark XI imploded and reported a wonderful show. The attendance at the Guest Nights during August mustered an average of over thirty members and friends, although nothing definite had been arranged for the programme. The programme for the Winter season has started on a very high plane of thought, extraordinarily interesting talks being given by Dr. Rattray, J. Burford (better known in the Branch by the name of "Coalie") and Smith (alias "Nibs"), and an impromptu talk by our Honorary Padre, Westcoates, which started an interesting discussion. We are now getting near to the departure, for six months to Toronto, of one "Sawbones," the founder and builder (not in bricks and mortar) of Mark XI. His absence will only serve as an extra spur to every member of the Branch. His influence will be even stronger than when he was with us. We have no fear for the future, as he will leave the Branch in a very strong position. We therefore wish him "God-speed," and can assure the Toronto Branch, that under his guidance they will—even in six months—be as strong as their sister Branch in Leicester!

FELIX.

LONDON FEDERATION: (a) *Mark II.*—The House is just recovering from a prolonged invasion of painters, and has emerged resplendent but somewhat sticky, and would be a shock to the hardy Spartans who first dug themselves in here! This winter we intend to concentrate on the local problem, and to try to make our presence felt in the queer district of slums, boarding houses and mansions which makes up Pimlico. Jobs are going fairly well. We have taken complete charge of a new boys' club with a membership of about 40: an expert is running it and we intend to make good use of it as a training ground for club-leaders. Last year nine different boys' and men's clubs were managed or assisted by Branch members, and four Scout Troops were helped. In addition a fair number of miscellaneous jobs were undertaken. The Jobmaster is planning a vigorous offensive on the "unemployed," and other Branch officials are busy arranging the winter programme. On September 24 we open the session with the Branch General Meeting.

Meetings: Every Thursday at 8 p.m. (Supper at 7 p.m., 1s. 6d.). October 1, Padre Fleming on "Cretan Archaeology" (lantern), or General Burt on "The Manœuvres"; October 8, H. M. Abrahams on "Athletics"; October 15, Colonel Bidder on "The coal crisis"; October 22, H. Seton Kerr on "Sport in Africa" (lantern); October 29, V. A. L. Bell on "The

young unemployed"; November 12, H. B. Ellison on "Cape to Cairo."

J. O. B.

(b) *Mark III.*—*Meetings* on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. (Supper at 7 p.m.). October 7, Mr. F. Briant, M.P.; October 14, Initiation of members and Branch General Meeting; October 21, Major MacTier on "Prisons"; October 28, Rev. H. Bedford Pim on "St. Joan"; November 4, Mr. Love on "The London Hospital."

(c) *Mark VII.*—During the summer Mark VII has been the rendezvous of a number of foreign friends. We have had three Americans, an Austrian and seven Dutch Scouts with an S.M., in addition to numerous visitors to see the House. The Dutch Scouts were in England for about ten days, part of the while being spent at New Barnet Camp. With their assistance as singers in a number of different languages and that of Hall-Johnson from Toc H Buenos Aires we were able to arrange a real Guest Night in the middle of August. The Camp at Barnet has again been used nearly every week-end to its fullest capacity, in spite of the break up of the fine weather in mid-July. The Brothers' House challenged us to a "Rugger" match and a good game took place at Barnet on September 12, Mark VII winning by 6 points to nil. It is hoped that it will be possible to play a return game near Christmas, and that the two Houses may meet on the "Soccer" field on a convenient Saturday. On September 17 George Moore and some of the Tower Hill Group gave us a sing-song, including in their repertoire a number of songs which Mark VII will endeavour to reproduce during the coming winter.

Meetings: Every Thursday at 8 p.m. (Supper 7 p.m., 1s. 6d.). October 1, Annual General Meeting; October 8, Padre T. T. C. Brockner (guests—Highgate, Radlett and Willesden Groups); October 15, Barkis on "The Oxford and Bermondsey Club" (guests—Chigwell, Islington and West Ham Groups); October 22, C. W. Hewlett, organising Secretary of the British Fascisti (guests—Golders Green and Romford Groups); October 29, Beresford Ingram on "Education" (guests—Hackney, Cadies and Wood Green Groups); November 5, Sir Owen Seaman on "Parody" (guests—Maida Vale Branch and Stepney Group); November 12, Third Birthday Party of Mark VII—Dedication of the Unknown Soldier's Cross. J. M.

(d) *The Brothers' House, Kennington.*—We are now preparing for our Winter programme of work and play. English "Rugger" was given its official kick-off for the season on September 12, at New Barnet, when we set out to show Mark VII how the game should really be played; the actual result is far too trivial a matter to worry about here! The old clubs are now reopening, the staffs are being rearranged, and the work is being increased, while fresh jobs are gradually coming in. Within the House a Rover Patrol has recently been formed, consisting of seven or eight of these draughty-looking gentlemen, under the wing of "squirrel" Haswell. Our link with the Cornwall Club is being steadily strengthened, and, largely owing to the energy of the Secretary of the Cornwall Council and to the kindness of Mrs. Horsborough, a new piano has been forthcoming from some mysterious source. However, it's there, and it goes—so let us be discreet.

Guest nights: October 19, Col. Ronnie Campbell; October 26, Debate with Wimbledon Branch; November 9, A. E. R. Gilligan.

CHIFF.

(e) *Mark XXII, Bermondsey.*—During the last two months, of course, activity has been rather in abeyance. Our Scouts had a very successful week's camp at Littlestone-on-Sea, in spite of the fact that the bedding, &c., was drenched by their sudden projection into a ditch by a very fallible motor-lorry driver. We had hoped to get in one or two week-ends at Barnet, but the weather has been none too kind. Things are going so well with the Troop that the anxiety is mainly to provide for the inevitable reaction. The visiting for South London among the ex-scholars of the L.C.C. School for Physically Defective Children is now centred in the Branch, and the work is done by the able co-operation of the Kennington and Mark III

Branches. The business meeting of the Branch will be held at Mark XXII on Wednesday, October 7, at 8 p.m., and by the next issue of the JOURNAL we hope to be able to publish a skeleton programme for the winter.

(f) *Brixton*.—The latest addition to the ranks of Toc H in South London makes its first bow in the pages of the JOURNAL. Formed by five enthusiasts in July, the Group is now nearly twenty strong. Alex Birkmire gave us some sound advice at the inaugural meeting, and since then Val Bell, the Secretary of the Clapham Group, has been along to give us the weight of his experience. Unfortunately we have not yet managed to secure a permanent "home." The Kenningham Branch has kindly come to our assistance, however, and for the time being we are meeting at the Brothers' House. Needless to say, this typical Toc H action is deeply appreciated by us all. The heart of our Jobmaster, Graham Stocks, has already been gladdened by the advent of numerous jobs, and we all look forward to the future of the Group with confidence.

(g) *Chelsea*.—The Group has now taken possession of its new quarters under the Clergy House, opposite the *World's End* (a pub.) in the King's Road. Nos. 11, 22 or 31 'bus passes the door. Being under the earth we have no "ancient lights," but we hope to get a Chelsea decoration of the room which will leave its mark, even if the Group fails to do so, on the minds of visitors. The other night a jolly party of Rovers from Sydenham made a surprise raid on us, and we bought up most of the contents of the coffee-stall outside and had a glorious evening. Our own Scout Troop is engaged on serious business in the Club Room on Mondays and Saturdays: on every other week-night our door and our arms are open to receive friends. On Thursday evenings we hope to form a club for old boys of the Ashburnham Council School.

JIMMY.

(h) *Croydon*.—Meetings at the Toc H Hut, opposite the *Swan and Sugar-Loaf*, South Croydon, at 7.30 for 8 p.m. October 2, A. F. Harvey on "The Temperance Legislation League"; October 16, Brig.-General Kentish on "Playing Fields"; October 30 (speaker not yet fixed); November 13, Alderman Bertram Pearce of Bromley.

STUART.

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It is advisable that Branches requiring the services of the Drama League or Concert Party during the coming season should make early application for dates. A new "Tic-Tocs" programme will be ready in October; and the Drama League starts its local shows on November 18. There will be a repeat performance of "Outward Bound" at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith (by kind permission of Mr. Nigel Playfair), on Tuesday afternoon, November 3, at 2.30 p.m., in aid of the West London Girls' Club. Other D.L. productions include "The Lilies of the Field" (December 3), "The Three Daughters of M. Dupont" (February 13), and the robot play "R.U.R.," to be given on May 6 and 7. During Lent it is hoped to perform a mediæval morality play, and Milton's "Samson Agonistes." All enquiries about Toc H Entertainments should be addressed in the first instance to the Entertainments' Secretary, at Mark VII, 15, Fitzroy Square, W. 1.

Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson (President of the Toc H Arts Adventurers) will be the guest of the Entertainments' Committee, at Mark II, on December 10. D. S. P.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—On Saturday, September 12, we opened our winter season with an implosion of members from various places including Leicester, Nottingham, Coventry, Coalville and Mirfield. We made this evening a ladies' Guest night, and were very pleased to see members of the L.W.H. from Nottingham, there were present also ladies of our own town. We were very fortunate in having Padre "Billy" Williams, of Sheffield to talk to us, and his words gave members and others food for thought. Will everyone please note that we meet on Fridays at 7.45, instead of on Mondays. CHUCK.

MANCHESTER.—The most important event at Mark VI since our last notes is the retirement of our Warden, R. J. Cornish. He gives up the post on being appointed to the Staff of Manchester University. He faced the difficulties which beset us on Pat's departure with wonderful spirit and with great success, and his loss will be felt not only in the House but in the surrounding branches. All members wish him luck in his new post. On September 3 a fine trio delighted us with some really good chamber music. These musical evenings take place every quarter, and are looked forward to with eagerness by members. The Rugger Club has started under the disadvantage of not having a ground, but the keenness of the players should enable them to put up a good show. J. L. L. H.

NEW ZEALAND: (a) *Auckland*.—(Extract from a letter to Tubby from the Rev. P. GEORGE COATS, dated August 5. Tubby notes on it "Pat's group entirely"): "I know you'll be charmed to hear that we have been able to form a delightful Toc H Group in Auckland City. Our great idea is to 'go slow'—though this is not my usual method—and keep Toc H very precious. It is a precious thing, and we are out for earnestness and sincerity, quality not quantity. We have had two meetings, both well attended, since the inaugural meeting.

At the first we apportioned our jobmaster. . . . We have fourteen members, and I trust I have done rightly in putting them all on probation for six months before allowing any of them to fill in the membership forms. We don't want a single man to drop out of our Auckland Group. The Archbishop is the patron of the Group and is quite enthusiastic. I must tell you what we are already doing as a group. We offered our services as a body to the Navy League for any work that may be required of us for the visit of the American Fleet: offer gladly accepted. So three Toc H men will be on duty each evening at the Social Rooms on the Wharf. We have also offered our services to the Orphans' Home Trust Board, and last night at our meeting it was unanimously agreed to offer our blood to the Hospital Board, should the necessity for transfusion occur. I think this latter offer, which came from the men themselves, is magnificent!"

(b) *Wellington*.—(Extracts from a long letter to Tubby from JACK PERSTON, acting jobmaster of the Group, dated July 10): "We have had our first Guest night and all is well with the Wellington Group. We all met at the Barn Tea Rooms in Lambton Quay at 6.30 last night. There were twenty-seven present. The usual small tables were placed side by side to make one large one along one side of the room, and around this gathered as merry a party as you could wish for, chaps who all knew why they were there and were prepared to do their bit and give of their best. At one end of the table was Charles Clarke ("*C Square*," late of London Branch) and General Robin on his right and the reporter from the *Evening Post* on his left; at the other end was the jobmaster, resplendent in Tubby's blazer, and along each side the members and their guests. . . . The babble of tongues was really deafening; the fare was simple but good and plentiful and hot, quickly served and soon disposed of. When everyone had done justice to the meal, the chairs were drawn round a cheery fire blazing in the grate, and Fielden Taylor lit our Rushlight which Ben Malyon has made for us." (*Here follows a sketch of a block of wood holding a copper Ypres cross and wax paper rush, with the note: "This is only a rough drawing of mine; the workmanship by Ben is grand."*) "We all stood in silence and our chaplain said the words of Remembrance." (*Then follows a note on the business—"C 2" in the chair, secretary and jobmaster say their "pieces," General Robin gives "a splendid address" on Scouting, etc.*) "In the meantime the proprietor of the Barn (who, by the way, wants to join us) had produced a dish of toffee which he had made and this was handed round. When General Robin left, stories and yarns became the order of the day, but before this we all sang "*Rogorum*" lustily. We sadly needed our Tubby here, as the time of the song was too fast; however, when we have sung it a few times we will get it. . . . Our first job has been done. We turned out as many as were able and helped Taylor at his Eastern Fair in the Town Hall. He raised over the £3,000 he wanted, free of all expenses. We are now concentrating on the Leuin Memorial Home at Benhampore and are going to put that in shape for the matron, as there are no men there. Jim Hay wants more helpers during the visit of the American Fleet and also Big Brothers for boys out of the Juvenile Court. We are organising church services for the Hobson Street Hospital for soldiers who are helpless or incurable, and later on hope to do the same for the Ewart Hospital. Taylor has also asked us to organise a night patrol to try and find out how many are sleeping outside at night, so that we may be able to move in that direction later on. Peter's Sea Scouts want a couple of us to go along one night and have a talk to them about Toc H, and Taylor also wants us to go to the Stop-out Club. When one starts looking for jobs it is wonderful how much one finds that needs doing. We will do our best to carry on the work—you can depend on that."

NORTHAMPTON.—We held our Midsummer Meeting at Horton on July 22. About twenty-five members turned up. It began to rain and thunder immediately we arrived, but we sought and found comfort in the village inn, and had a very pleasant evening. On August

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NOTTINGHAM.—As yet far from a Mark, we have made nevertheless a considerable advance thereto in taking larger and permanent headquarters. Our Guest-night is still on Fridays, but we are open every evening except Sunday from 6.30 p.m. onwards, at Normanton Chambers, 59, Carrington Street, two minutes from the L.M.S. Station. Come and see us. Bob.

OXFORD.—The 'Varsity left us at the end of June—they come back on October 9—and we felt a rather small party without them, everything seemed so much quieter, it was quite disheartening. We had no definite programme for the Vac., and in consequence very little was done in July. Then, however, we decided to set about building up a real strong branch, exclusive of the 'Varsity, and appointed an Executive Committee to get out a programme, and, now that the gown was no more seen and the "Oxford bags" had given place to what Gray calls "the short and simple flannels of the poor," we set out to make Oxford the home of at any rate one cause that was not altogether lost. How far we have succeeded will be best seen on the evening when Rev. George Moore, Skipper of the Toc H Rovers, is coming to speak to us, and all the new and prospective members of this branch. The meeting is to be in our new club room—we have found a home at last—behind the Good Luck Tea-rooms in the Cornmarket. This room, with two bedrooms thrown in, at £80 a year is going to be an immense help to us. The meetings have been weekly and first-class. Way back on July 30, our Jobmaster, Steve Fowler, gave us a good talking to on jobs and sent us all qualification forms to be filled in—a jolly good idea. Returning from our usual ten days at Margate in Bank Holiday week we had a discussion on August 13 on "My Job"—5 minutes each. On August 30, Dick Yeats of Cuddesdon talked very sensibly on "Social Study and Emigration" and told us we ought to start Study Circles—which we have done and find he was quite right. On August 27 a debate on "The Religious Side of Toc H." On September 3 an admirable address on "Heraldry" from Rev. R. R. Martin, made us all want to become heralds on the spot. On September 6, Steve Fowler again, this time so good on "The Clash of Colour" that he made our flesh creep. And last but not least a joint meeting with the L.W.H. in our new premises, where we had Miss Macfie to talk to us. We have been getting a good many new recruits of the right sort and of course they are all coming along to hear Skipper George Moore give his talk. The meetings have been jollier than we hoped and we are much less lonely in the Vac. than we were. Our Jobmaster stirs us continually to nobler efforts. We still have our Vic Martin and bask in the sunny smile of our Free Church Padre "Tommy." But we have had one big loss. Those who know "Clarky" will understand how sorry we were to say good-bye to him at the end of last term. We wish him all the best of luck, but we shall never have anyone quite like that in the Branch again. J. S.

[*"Clarky"* (G. W. Clarkson), late Oxford secretary, is going to Lincoln Theological College—so that another Toc H Branch will gain.—Ed.]

RADLETT.—We are doubtful whether six months old babies have any right to receive further attention, just yet, in the JOURNAL. Mindful however of the fact that our previous

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THE BO'SUN.

READING.—The first meeting of the session, held on September 15, dealt with business in hand and to be. The attendance of 13 out of a possible 45 led to a decision that three consecutive "absents," unless advised and suitably accounted for, should be sufficient cause to put a member outside the Branch. The Chairman expressed the regret of all at our loss of Padre Money, who is leaving for Weybridge. Padre Mumford was unanimously voted to the vacancy. Our financial position is not encouraging, but we hope to improve and stabilise it. Our thanks are due to all who contributed to the up-keep of the Lads' Summer Camp, and to those (particularly Purviss) who helped to run the show. We are asking for volunteers to help with the St. George's Club, and intend to form a concert party.

JADI.

SALFORD.—We are jolly glad to welcome "Mosso" of Leicester into the family circle of Mark XIV—though he *did* suppose that this House is something of an annexe to Mark IV! The end of August has seen our second Branch wedding; like Warden Bill who took the plunge last year, Theo. Cox has had the good sense to go into partnership with a member of the L.W.H. We expressed our regard for them at a recent Guest-night. We are eagerly anticipating a visit from "Oogaf" on October 26 and 27, and on November 24 celebrate our Second Birthday.

WILLOW.

SPETISBURY-CUM-CHARLTON.—During the summer we have held together well by devoting one evening of the week to cricket, tennis, and bathing, combined with readings from *The Sadhu*. Our main piece of work has been the successful launching of a company of Boy Scouts controlled by Toc H. A more passing joy, but a delightful one, was the arranging of comic water sports at the Spetisbury Fête. Our first Quarterly Toc H Sunday witnessed a gathering in force of our family at Holy Communion in the evening. The Rev. C. L. Kennaway and Mrs. Kennaway of Spetisbury have promised that, if we can earn it, they will present a lamp in memory of their only son. Such a hope is an inspiration as we enter on the winter's work.

BILL DRURY.

SWINDON.—The first meeting of the Branch to be held in the new clubroom at Mark XVI took place on September 2, when a good muster of members foregathered for an informal pow wow and smoking concert. Henry Hawkins and Eric Braby of Bristol and John Mallet of Mark VII made special journeys to be with us. After the "Ceremony of Light" and the Initiation of a new member, Padre Hawkins dedicated the new clubroom. Frank Morris, acting as Chairman, then made some appropriate remarks, commenting on the satisfactory

resuscitation of the Branch. This was largely due to the new clubroom, which in turn, owed its existence largely to the excellent efforts of Mrs. MacHugh, and the Branch expressed their thanks by placing on record a minute of appreciation, which duly reached Mrs. MacHugh. The musical part of the programme was considerably helped by Billy Richardson, who is a great favourite. A supper helped the evening forward, and at 9.45 the whole meeting attended Family Prayers in the chapel. Much to everyone's amazement, all of the fifty or so members were able to squeeze in to hear Henry Hawkins' little address. The meeting gradually broke up at 11.0 p.m., and a few of the less sleepy ones escorted John Mallet to the station for his train at 12.40. The following morning our first Communion was celebrated in the chapel by Henry Hawkins. We have recently lost Padre Bodycombe, who is away ill, we all hope he will soon be fit again; Padre K. N. Crisford, already a member of the Branch, is now acting as Branch Padre. A Guest-night was held on September 16, when Rex Hutchings talked convincingly of work for and amongst the blind, and he promised to keep us in touch with jobs of work in this connection.

Meetings: October 14, Rev. E. H. Goddard of Cliffe Pypard on "Archæological Interests around Swindon"; October 27, H. L. O. Flecker, of Marlborough, will chat on the "Marlborough-Swindon Boys' Camp." A. W. J. D.

TYNESIDE CONFERENCE.—Here is news that will cheer the hearts of Toc H optimists! A new Mark is being established in Newcastle-on-Tyne, where during the last few months more interest and support has been aroused for Toc H than ever before, through the efforts of stalwarts here to make possible the opening of a House. Space does not permit of details regarding financial arrangements, but we do think we are starting out in a good position, with good prospects and the past experiences of other Marks to guide us. The House will serve three purposes mainly, for it is regarded as an Area Headquarters, well within reach of members from surrounding branches and groups, a Headquarters for the Newcastle Branch, and a Hostel. All financial responsibility is local, and the governing body of the House is to be composed of Area members, local branch members and hostellers, and local interested gentlemen. Trustees have been appointed, and it is good to know that three of the trustees are Toc H members. At the moment, Padre R. H. L. Slater (assistant curate of Benwell Parish Church, in which parish the House stands), together with five hostellers, are "camping out" in the House, "without prejudice to negotiations" which are being undertaken by hon. solicitors, and this small family spends most of its spare time scrubbing floors, cooking, and generally carrying on until the House is properly furnished and a going concern. Padre Slater's Vicar, the Rev. C. K. Knyvett, knew Tubby in the old House in Pop, and Padre Slater has been able to promise his services as House Padre for two years, during which time it is hoped that the Mark will prosper, and become a valuable asset to Toc H. We are going forward with our eyes well open to all the difficulties and setbacks which seem to accompany the Houses of Toc H, but there is a true spirit of Christian adventure among us, and although times are bad, with unemployment rife and commerce at its lowest ebb on Tyneside, we remember "with gratitude" how the first Talbot House weathered a greater storm and emerged a thing virile and full of life. One feels it a duty to mention that the generous gift of £500 by an anonymous "fairy god-father" has been largely responsible for the success attending our efforts.

Two new Groups have appeared in the Area since the last report; the new members at Cullercoats and Craghead are able to send everybody greetings. A third child is expected shortly. Padre Evans, late of Barnet and until recently Padre of the South Shields Branch, has gone to Hartlepool for the Mission to Seamen. We wish him "all the best," and hope he will call upon the Hartlepool's Toc H Padre and members at an early date. Everybody

seems to be settling down to a good Winter programme of work and play, and now that there is to be a Mark in Newcastle, one may reasonably expect that the movement in the N.E. Area will become better known and increase in strength, but we must beware of regarding this as an inevitable occurrence. A House means greater responsibility to members of Toc H, and as interest in Toc H grows in the Area, so must we members increase both the scope of our work and our efficiency.

On October 10, in the Church Institute, Hood Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, there will be held a Rally of Toc H members in the N.E. Area. L.W.H. members are invited, and it is hoped that a similar Rally may be held each year. In the afternoon, commencing with the ceremony of Light, a paper will be read on "The Best Way of Spreading Toc H," a subject with which every member should concern himself. Jobmasters from all branches will make their reports on work being done, not forgetting to throw light on the big idea behind that work, and there will be an address by one of the Padres. We hope to take tea together in an informal manner in a large near-by café. In the evening there will be a family party and sing-song. It is hoped that this Rally will provide many members with an impression of what goes to make the Annual Birthday Festival in London such a wonderful affair; for some, alas, it must form a substitute, for not all of us so far away from London can afford the trip. L. A.

(a) *Durham*.—Things are still progressing, but slowly. We now have as our Padre, the Rev. J. L. C. Horstead, as keen as mustard, as was Padre Pestle, who had to leave us, and several jobs are coming our way. We are going to collect a mile of pennies for the County Hospital, and some four men are roped in to teach Ambulance work. Two more are to teach Signalling to C.L.B. Cadets, and the Hospital Library scheme, although for the present in abeyance, is by no means dead. We have fixed a regular night for our meetings, and altogether prospects are brighter.

Meetings: On October 6, 20, November 3, 17, at 7.30 p.m. prompt, in the Wesley Guild Room, Old Elvet. SUNNY JIM.

(b) *Gateshead*.—We have nothing much to report this month, all our energy having been expended on a Garden Fête, which the local Press, in their inimitable manner, describe as being "very successful." The work of the Gateshead L.W.H. towards this Fête on behalf of permanent Branch quarters and a Lads' Club must be mentioned. They were splendid, taking entire charge of refreshments, a work stall, a cake stall, &c. The opening ceremony by the Mayor of Gateshead was preceded by the ceremony of Light. Through the efforts of our Chairman, "Martini," we obtained a programme of music from the 9th Durham Light Infantry Band, and the Newcastle Gymnastic Club gave two very fine displays. A dance held in an adjacent pavilion completed the Fête. The Branch Choral Society have already three engagements for the Winter, and more are coming along. Visitors have been received during the past month from Craghead and Cullercoats. Last but not least, in more ways than one, our new Jobmaster ("Long'un") is now out of the fever hospital and going on well. LEATHER.

(c) *Hartlepool*.—The Church League Sports, in which a number of our members were interested, went off very well indeed. As previously reported, these Sports were designed to promote good and healthy sports in the town, and the success was largely due to the excellent organisation undertaken by three of our members. Other members acted as stewards and gate-men. Our individual jobs are progressing satisfactorily, and our Seaton members still continue to organise dances in aid of the Boys' Club, &c. We are not neglecting the social side of Toc H during the coming Winter, arrangements being made for dances, whist drives, billiard matches, &c. SCOTTIE.

(d) *Newcastle*.—We have now quitted our old quarters at 14, Hood Street, and meet every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. at the new Mark. Work progresses steadily, but we hope for a great advance, especially in our work amongst boys, seeing that with a House in the City there is likely to be a greater influx of members. Some of our members are assisting at the Poor Childrens' Holiday Association Boys' Club and the J.O.C. Football teams. We shall have more to report next month, when we shall be in the thick of the Winter's work. PITMAN.

(e) *South Shields*.—What a turmoil! "Professor" gone and broken a leg, "Sinbad" running off to sea, "Wire," the Jobmaster, retiring to very necessary winter studies, three more men on the dole, and our Padre removed to Hartlepoons Seamen's Mission! Against this we have to record the welcome return to health of the Secretary, some extra good meetings, and continued digging in at permanent jobbing. Bernard Sigamoney, an Indian Christian Student from Natal, won our hearts and raised our longings in his contribution of "The Call to Brotherhood," emphasising both the need for the expansion of Christian Fellowship and the power of the living agent amongst the coloured races. Padre Evans, before he left, spoke to us on "Christianity and Labour." A friend and a labourer he has been amongst us for a year, and we treasure the joy his ministrations gave us: Hartlepoons will now benefit. Our Boys' Club in the Holborn area opened on September 21. This is a scheme on which we have set our hearts.

Meetings: Thursdays at 8 p.m. at the Mission to Seamen.

SCRIBBLER.

(f) *South Bank*.—Collective jobs have been rather numerous since our last report. We answered an S.O.S. from our solitary member in Stockton—"Jeff"—to assist him in running a flag-day in aid of the Hull Seamen's Orphanage. Our efforts resulted in a collection of £15. Our journey to Stockton served a double purpose, for now that we have established contact we hope to assist Les Abdy to form a Group there. August 1 to 8 found us assisting a Carnival in aid of local destitutes. Our big job was a more or less musical programme, and our Treasurer rendered *Neptune* in so realistic a manner that members of the audience emulated the waves of the sea shore and went away broke! Our next effort was a Whist Drive in aid of Medical Charities, followed closely by an accepted invitation to act as guides to the Clergy who gathered in Middlesbrough to hold a Christian Crusade. Our individual jobs are still carried out by responsible members. So much remains to be done in spheres untouched that our members are unable to understand why Toc H should be considered by some to be a winter "pastime" only. Our Executive is now increased and we have now a committee of experts on almost every Social Service problem.

DAVIES.

(g) *Craghead*.—The Group sends an infant's greeting to its growing-up brother Groups and though rather wobbly on its legs at present hopes to form fours in good style later. At present Group jobs are hardly possible, but a cripple M.D. case gave one chance and an unfortunate pit accident another, and in the meantime everyone is trying to do something personally on Toc H lines, helping lame dogs over various stiles.

Meetings are fortnightly at present on alternate Wednesdays, counting from August 26, at the Church Institute. Coffee at 7.45 p.m. Buses from Chester-le-Street every twenty minutes.

E. E.

(h) *Cullercoats*.—Cullercoats—just outside the Roman Wall, the scene of many a conflict between Pict and Roman, Dane and Saxon, 'twixt smuggler and excise man, once a busy harbour for the export of coal and salt, now the home of a hardy fisher folk, whose deeds resound from Scapa Flow to the Goodwins—Cullercoats salutes you! By the willing help of two elder branches, Gateshead and South Shields, this Group has now made a promising start. Up to now little definite work has been done, but we are in touch with the Tuberculosis

Care Committee for Northumberland and Tynemouth, the Mission to the Deaf and Dumb, the local Relieving Officer, and the British Legion, from whom we hope to receive opportunities of Service. Three members are active workers for the Whitley and Monkseaton St. John's Ambulance Brigade, which plays no small part in rendering assistance to the injured—particularly during the Summer Season when cut feet on the sands are all too prevalent—and in removing hospital cases to and from Newcastle. Forthcoming meetings include a discussion on "The Toc H Spirit" to be opened by "Crooky" and on September 30 we are to discuss the "After-Care of the Juvenile Delinquent." "Sunny Jim" of Durham has promised to open, and the Diocesan Secretary to the National Police Court Mission will take part. We have sent invitations to our meetings to the Magistrates, the Police, Scouts, Comrades, Labour Party, and a local Debating Society, as well as to other groups and branches. Our first job is to learn just how and where our assistance will be most valuable. Doc.

WIMBORNE.—On September 23 three cars took all members who could go to see the Manœuvres of the Wessex and Mercia Armies. We visited Winchester and returned through Salisbury, and during a 120 miles tour we saw about 100 soldiers and four guns, so successfully had 40,000 troops hidden themselves away. The Summer is over and we have started work once more. We organised a Flag-day for St. Dunstan's and raised £21, and now we are running a whist drive for the local Hospital. Some of our members are fairly expert with wire-
less, and we are fitting up a loud speaker for the Poor Law Institute. Our first Guest-night of the season was on September 25, when a talk on "County Council work" was given by our local councillor, who is also a Toc H member. G. M. L.

WORTHING.—At the end of August we met the Brighton Branch at cricket, on the Lancing College Ground. I might, perhaps, be discourteous to Brighton to disclose the details, but suffice it to say that we won, and that everybody had a happy time. We are running a concert in aid of the local Hospital next month, and some of our chaps assisted at a Military Tattoo held here with the same object. The new Branch Secretary is F. J. Gordge. M. A. P.

YORK.—We are finding that there is truth in the proverb, "everything comes to him who waits." It has taken some time for the fact that there is a Toc H Group in York to sink into the people's minds, but now we have become known we are inundated with requests for assistance and are finding it difficult to meet all. We are getting in touch with cripples, whilst our expert on Military Prison visiting will soon be needing assistance. We are moving rapidly in the direction of training our young men who in turn will launch out with the Boy Scouts and kindred organisations fully qualified. The movement among boys seems likely to become one of our main jobs in the old city. We have taken Toc H to the country; on one occasion to Wheldrake, where, although we could not beat the villagers at cricket, we beat them hopelessly at singing on the grass afterwards, and it may be some day a Group may start out here. Our second visit was to Bishopthorpe, the residence of the Archbishop, again in an endeavour to master the art of cricket. Interesting discussions have been held on the miners' question and other topical subjects. We hope to settle down in earnest for the Winter Session on September 24. W. B.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN HELPERS.

LONDON.—(1) *Guest Nights* begin again at New June in October, and are to be held this Winter on Mondays at 8 p.m. It is hoped that members will get through their Monday chores in time to roll up regularly in their hundreds. The hostesses arranged so far are:—October 5, New June (Mrs. Reginald Johnson talks to us about "Retreats"); October 12, North London; October 19, E.C. Branch; October 26, Wimbledon; November 9, Pimlico;

November 2 will be kept as the Anniversary of the opening of a new chapter in the history of the L.W.H., *i.e.*, the venture in New June in which we still rejoice with much thankfulness.

(2) Yes—another *Salé*—this year organised by the various London Branches and Groups, and again to take place at Mark I, by kind permission of Warden and hostellers. Please note the date—Thursday, November 12, at 2.30 p.m.—and do your shopping for Christmas early. And don't forget that the supply of greengroceries we had last year is likely to be repeated this year!

(3) *Birthday*.—The L.W.H. Meeting will be held, by the kindness of Miss Alexander, at Aubrey House, Campden Hill, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, December 19. Arrangements will be made for members to partake of a good tea at moderate cost before going on to the Albert Hall for the Birthday masque at 6.30.

OXFORD.—The Comrades' Club for Girls has been open practically every evening, Sundays included, since January 1, 1925. It has now a regular membership, and the girls bring their boy friends. A tennis court has been opened in St. Peter-le-Bailey school play-ground, and members have been taken for rambles and river excursions. The L.W.H. are specially grateful to several City members of Toc H who have been regular helpers and who have provided an orchestra for dances. An appeal has just been launched for further support during the forthcoming Winter, when it is hoped to provide a permanent club-room and to put the Club on a sound footing. The Club has received the highest praise from those authorities specially concerned with the welfare of girls in Oxford. Members of the L.W.H. have also taken part in other social welfare work, such as Children's Guild and helping with Wolf Cub Packs, &c. Some of them have run a successful camp for Cubs at the home of Sir Arthur Evans on Boar's Hill, and others helped to supervise a pack belonging to the parish of St. Aldate's, and presided over by Miss Sybil Egerton. A Cub Pack from Summertown, conducted by Mrs. Vic Martin, was taken to Wembley. On September 17 Miss Macfie came to talk to Toc H and L.W.H.

HOUSES, BRANCHES AND GROUPS OF TOC H

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A. In the British Isles

Houses

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| MARK I.—23 Queen's Gate Gardens, S.W.7 | MARK XI.—44 Princess Road, Leicester |
| „ II.—123 St. George's Square, S.W.1 | „ XII.—Shaw Royd, Halifax, Yorks |
| „ III.—148 York Road, London, S.E.1 | „ "Brothers' House."—119 Kennington Park Road, S.E.11 |
| „ IV.—Gartness, Victoria Park, Manchester | MARK XIV.—1 Eccles Old Road, Salford |
| „ V.—The Firs, Bassett, Southampton | „ XV.—31 The Common, Woolwich, S.E. |
| „ VI.—77 Clifford Street, Lozells, Birmingham | „ XVI.—Redville, High Street, Swindon |
| „ VII.—15 Fitzroy Square, London, W.1 | „ XVII.—The Old Parsonage, Itchen, Hants. |
| „ VIII.—Christ Church Road, Sheffield | „ XVIII.—Greystoke, Grainger Park Road,
Newcastle-on-Tyne. |
| „ IX.—29 St. Paul's Road, Clifton | „ XXII.—1 Jamaica Road, Bermondsey, S.E.16 |
| „ X.—Clarendon House, Hull | |
- HOSTEL.—Haileybury House, Durham Row, Stepney, E.
 HOSTEL FOR SEA-GOING BOYS.—Talbot House, Orchard Lane, Southampton.

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